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Holy Cross Parish

LANSING

*SERVING
GOD'S PEOPLE
FOR 50 YEARS*



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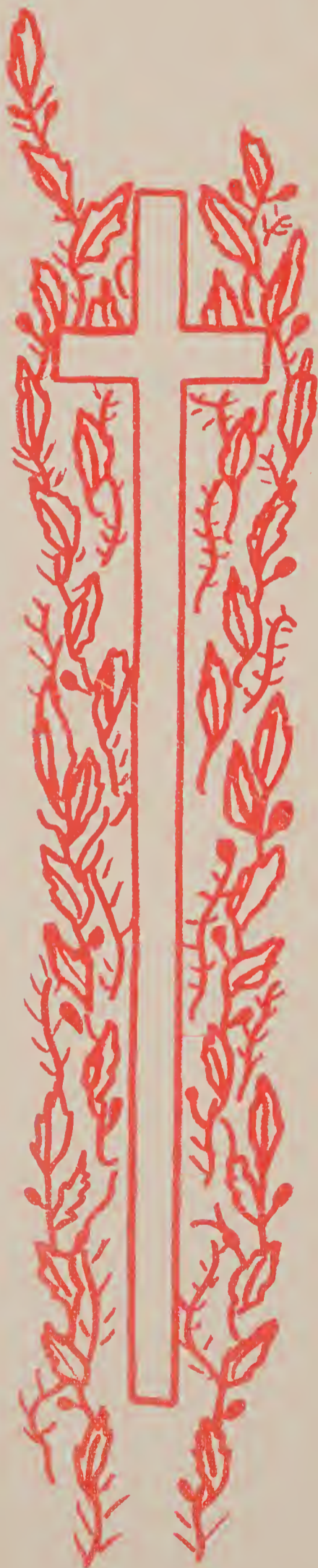
TO THE PARISH PIONEERS

WHOSE SACRIFICES DURING THE MID-TWENTIES AND

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SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL FOUNDATION OF HOLY

CROSS PARISH, THIS BOOK IS PROUDLY DEDICATED



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His Holiness, Pope Paul VI



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF LANSING
300 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933

August 2, 1973



Dear Fathers Kenneth, DePaul and Keith,
and Members of Holy Cross Parish:

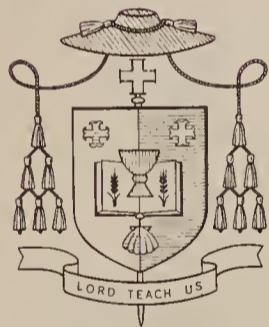
Since its founding 50 years ago, Holy Cross Parish has witnessed considerable growth and progress. Some progress is measurable in such terms as statistics and buildings; however, the greater portion of parish life can not be measured by human standards. No one can even estimate how many souls have been touched by God's grace in the community of faith and love which we know as Holy Cross Parish.

As you observe this anniversary, I join you in thanking God for His many gifts not the least of which is limitless mercy to us. I personally wish to offer a special word of thanks to the many priests and brothers of the Conventual Franciscan Friars who have served the Parish since they were invited by Bishop Gallagher to establish the new parish. I also take this opportunity to thank the Sisters of Mercy who have run a fine school since its opening in 1931. Priests, Brothers, Sisters and laity have all worked together for 50 years to make Christ present in the lives of all. Therein lies the real significance of this occasion -- God lavishly giving his gifts to us -- clergy and laity responding to God's love by working together to build up the Church, the Body of Christ.

Asking God's abundant blessings upon you, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Alexander M. Zaleski
Alexander M. Zaleski
Bishop of Lansing



300 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933
September 4, 1973

Holy Cross Parishioners
1611 West Oakland Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48915

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

I offer my best wishes to the people of Holy Cross Parish on the celebration of fifty years of spreading the Message of our Divine Savior. This Golden Celebration is not a mere ritual; it should be a time to rejoice and remember.

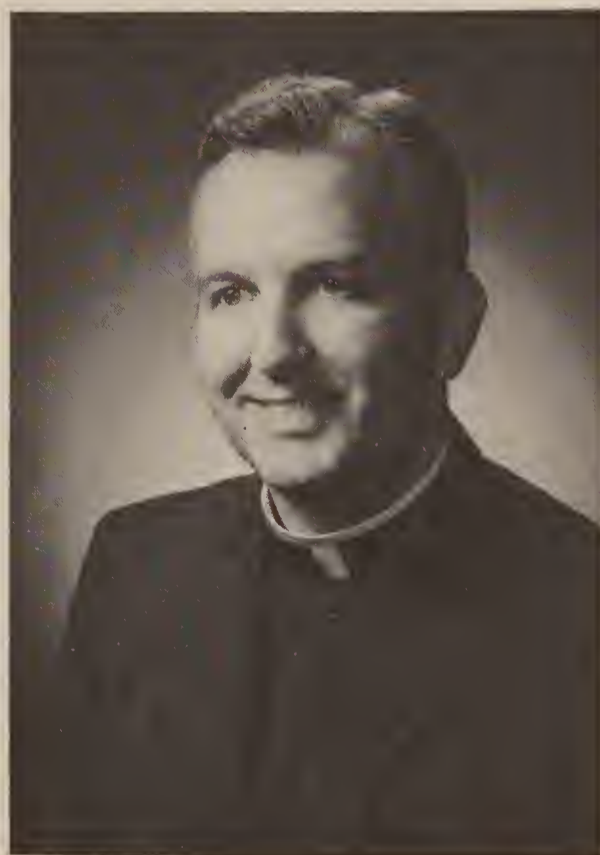
Your parish has grown and become united into a parish family. You are enriched by the greatest variety of people, from all walks of life, who have followed the footsteps of our Divine Savior. During the past fifty years, Holy Cross Parish has knit together countless celebrations and sorrows, good works and struggles, in the lives of thousands of people today and many more who have gone before you.

And so, at this time, you should remember and pray for all those who have forged the character of Holy Cross--your founding pastor, all the priests, brothers and sisters who have given their services, and especially the men and women who have formed the living body of Holy Cross by their lives, actions and worship.

I pray most heartily that God will bless each of you on this day--your person, your family, and your daily endeavors to grow in the love of God and bring His presence into the world around you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

James S. Sullivan
James S. Sullivan
Auxiliary Bishop of Lansing





STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LANSING

WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN
GOVERNOR



Holy Cross Church
1611 W. Oakland Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48915

Greetings:

May I extend to the parishioners of Holy Cross Church my heartiest personal and official congratulations on your 50th anniversary.

This celebration provides an excellent opportunity for the parishioners of Holy Cross to draw inspiration from the achievements of those who worked so hard in the past half-century, and go on to even more fruitful service to the people of our capital city.

My sincere best wishes for continued years of service, brotherhood and worship.

Sincerely,

William G. Milliken
Governor



City of LANSING

LANSING, MICHIGAN

GERALD W. GRAVES, MAYOR

Dear Reverend Clergy and Parishoners,

I consider it a high honor and a great privilege to be afforded this opportunity to extend my personal congratulations on this occasion for the commemoration of a half-century of religious service completed by Holy Cross Parish. Since its inception in 1924 under the direction of the Reverend James Hermes in a humble store building, Holy Cross has enjoyed a substantial physical development to where it presently encompasses an entire city block. Throughout the course of these past five decades, the ranks of its membership have played leadership roles in influencing the direction the City of Lansing has undertaken. Our City is deeply indebted to those individuals who have so willingly given of their time and energies. However, Holy Cross has come to symbolize much more than mere buildings or civic participation by its members.

A unique Christian spirit has permeated Holy Cross which is a testament to the outstanding religious work that succeeding Franciscan priests and brothers have achieved. The witness and example they have become has undoubtedly enriched all individuals who have had the privilege of their attention. Recognizing that worship is only part of a church's responsibility, the parishioners of Holy Cross began the religiously oriented education of its youth in 1930, and thousands of students have benefited from the privilege of receiving their education from the Sisters of Mercy and dedicated lay staff. Holy Cross Parish represents a commitment to the real ideals of a religious institution -- a Christian community. The vitality and spirit of the church shows it is still flourishing as strongly as ever.

On behalf of the citizens of Lansing, I thank you for your past 50 years of work and we look forward to continuation of the same in coming years.

Sincerely,

Gerald W. Graves
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Mayor



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Parishioners of Holy Cross Church
1611 West Oakland Avenue
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Dear Parishioners,

The measure of success for a parish lies not in buildings and finance but in the degree of commitment to Christ fostered in its parishioners. It is the task of the parish to inspire its members to be one of heart and mind, to witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, to contribute to those less fortunate, to be a sign to others that the truths of the Gospel make a difference. If a parish accomplishes these goals, it has been successful.

For fifty years Holy Cross parish has called its members to this kind of life. It has seen growth to the extent that other parishes have been formed from it. It has successfully faced the changes of social conditions and Church renewal. Still it stands as a living example of what the Church must be for its people. You parishioners are Holy Cross and you have demonstrated that Holy Cross is not just an idea. Because it stands for a commitment to the Gospel, Holy Cross has been an effective reminder of Christ present to the people of Lansing. For this reason you deserve to be congratulated.

The Franciscan Friars of Our Lady of Consolation Province are happy to have been a part of this growing parish community. As you make plans for the future, be assured of our continued cooperation with you. May your coming years be as productive as the past. Be ready to witness to the Gospel message in whatever way the Lord leads.

Faternally,

F. Lawrence Mattingly

Father Lawrence Mattingly, O.F.M.Conv.
Minister Provincial



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Dear Parishioners,

Introibo Ad Altare Dei . . . Fifty years ago, Father James Hermes invited the people of the northwest side of Lansing to "go to the altar of God" and they responded with faith and enthusiasm. Father James was a vigorous man with many talents. Through his leadership and foresight Holy Cross Parish soon became a real institution in the area.

The new parish showed a lot of vigor and enthusiasm. In a short time, it grew from a very small parish to one of the largest parishes in Lansing. Through the years it has served the people of the area and helped to serve as a source of spiritual strength and concern to all of its members.

God has blessed Holy Cross and its people through many trials and difficult situations. Now that we come together to celebrate this 50th Anniversary, it is easy to see that God has been with His people. We join together at this 50th Anniversary to express our appreciation and happiness that He has been with us. May the expression of this celebration be an expression of our thanksgiving.

May the Lord give you Peace!

Fr. Kenneth A. Waller

Fr. Kenneth A. Waller, O.F.M.Conv.
Pastor

KAW:rs

The Pastor

M I C H A E L J A C O B U S

DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA

EPISCOPUS DETROITENSIS.

Religioso Viro Adm.R.P.Leoni Greulich,Ministro Provinciali
Ordinis Minorum S.Francisci Conventualium,Salutem in Domino.

Iam ab initio Episcopus Noster omnem curam atque operam in id
contulimus,ut fideles populi a Domino concrediti copia sacerdotum rite
providerentur. Quapropter Te,Adm.R.P.Leonem Greulich,adivimus ut No-
bis esses adiutorio,cum aliunde Nobis bene constaret de zelo Fratrum
Tuorum in cura animarum exercenda.

Tuam Tuorumque cooperationem benigne et oblatam in tuto ponere
volentes,sicuti etiam in grati animi signo,opportunum duximus sequens
edere decretum.

Praehabito consilio et consensu Nostrorum Consultorum,Ordini Tuo,
i.e.Provinciae Immaculatae Conceptionis S.Francisci Ordinis Fratrum Minorum
S.Francisci Conventualium in Statibus Foederatis Americae Septentrio-
nalis,curam animarum concredimus in loco qui vocatur in civitate
LANSING in Statu MICHIGAN,ut ibi conventum erigamus,cum omnibus
iuribus,privilegiis atque exemptionibus,ut ibi Conventum
erigere et secundum Regulas nostras et Constitutiones a Sede Apo-
stolica probatas vitam regularem instituere valeatis.

Fr. James Hermes

Pro territorio autem praedictae provinciae S.CRUCIS assignamus
omnem eam partem civitatis LANSING in Statu MICHIGAN quae iacet ad
occidentem lineae ductae per medium viae nuncupatae "LOGAN",quaeque
ex parte australi continetur flumine dicto "GRAND RIVER".

Reservamus vero Nobis Nostrisque Successoribus omnia iura quae

Concordat cum Originali
J. Aloys M. Fish
Min. Prov.

Obtained from parish records and personal items supplied by original members and their families.

In 1924, Bishop Michael J. Gallagher of the Diocese of Detroit, saw a need to relieve the rapid growth and expansion of St. Mary Parish in Lansing, especially on the west side of town. Holy Cross Parish was born! The newly formed parish was composed of families living west of Logan Street, between the Grand River, north and south. At that time, there was no boundary on the west.

Rumor has it that Mrs. Archie Crowley (mother of Fr. Bonaventure Crowley, a Holy Cross boy who became a Franciscan priest) suggested the name of "Holy Cross." Another story suggests that because the Ku Klux Klan was particularly active in the area at that time, it was decided that a "Holy" Cross would counter the crosses burned by the Ku Klux Klan. No one knows for certain the true story, but the parishioners of Holy Cross have always been extremely proud of a name so closely associated with the life of Our Lord.

The Conventual Franciscans were placed in charge of the new parish. They were also assigned to care for the needs of St. Michael Parish in Grand Ledge as a Mission. Fr. James Hermes became the first pastor of Holy Cross. According to newspaper articles dated in September of 1924 (see illustrations) the very first Mass was offered in a hall or

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1924.

NEW CATHOLIC PARISH TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

A new Roman Catholic parish to serve the territory west of Logan-st., is to be instituted immediately by Bishop John Gallagher, who has designated Rev. Father James Hermes as parish priest.

The first mass of the new parish will be in a room of the St. Lawrence hospital, which has been provided with an altar and other necessary appurtenances of the sacrament, at 9 a. m. Sunday.

Plans for the new parish have been in contemplation some time and were brought about by the necessity of relieving St. Mary's parish of the care of a large and

rapidly growing section. The new organization will give Lansing four Roman Catholic churches—St. Mary's in the central part of the city, the Church of the Resurrection in E. Michigan-av., St. Casimir's in the southwest section, and the new parish, which has not been officially named, in the northwest section.

Following mass Sunday further plans will be made to enroll all members of the faith living in that section and these will form the nucleus about which the new parish will be formed.

Father Hermes comes to Lansing from Wyoming and Colorado, where he has served since his ordination. He is not related to the Lansing family of the same name. He has been designated by Bishop Gallagher for the task of instituting the new parish by reason of his exceptional organizing ability, displayed in these sparsely settled regions of the western states.

NEW PARISH FOR LANSING

**Franciscans To Be In Charge—
First Services On Sept. 21st
—Rev. James Hermes, Pastor**

Lansing, Sept. 16.—A new parish to serve the territory west of Logan street is being organized by Franciscan Fathers at the direction of Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, bishop of the Detroit diocese. The first Mass for the new parish will be celebrated next Sunday in a hall of St. Lawrence hospital, where services will be held for the time being till the parish is organized.

Rev. James Hermes, O.M.C., is the pastor. He was formerly at Broken Bow, Nebraska, but is a member of the Franciscan community which has its headquarters in Syracuse, N. Y. Father Hermes is not related to the Lansing family of the same name.

chapel of St. Lawrence Hospital. Shortly thereafter, a building was appropriated for use as a temporary church on West Saginaw Street near the corner of Clayton Street. Chairs for the initial act of worship in the building were loaned by the Lavey Funeral Home. Altar equipment was loaned by St. Lawrence Hospital. One hundred and ninety-three persons attended Mass in Holy Cross' "first church."

Dr. Fred Drolett and Andrew "Andy" Risley were the first two ushers. It is said that "Doctor Fred" took up the collection in his hat, while "Andy" borrowed a sewing basket from the hospital staff.

The creation of a new Catholic parish in Lansing has been announced by Bishop Gallagher, who has named Rev. James Hermes as priest. Mass will be celebrated in the chapel of the new St. Lawrence hospital until a church edifice can be erected. The first services will be held Sunday, when members of the Roman Catholic faith living in the vicinity of the hospital will be enrolled.

Mrs. Fred Drolett, Grace, was the first organist of Holy Cross Parish. She was also choir director.

A lot was purchased on Clayton Street about one-half block north of the temporary site. Twenty-five men of the parish donated their time and talent to the construction of the first real church building. A rectory was also built adjacent to the church on the north side and this remained the rectory until a home was purchased on Comfort Street in 1952. So, for quite a few years, the priests walked to the church on West Saginaw St. Some of you may remember Fr. Justin Phelps, third pastor of Holy Cross, riding a bicycle from the rectory on Clayton to the church on Saginaw. The church on Clayton served the parish for nearly six years.



During the days when the Holy Name Society was THE Society for Catholic parish men, Dr. Fred Drolett would invariably lead the men in the singing of "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name." Hardly a member of the parish is without this memory, as he did it until the end of his life.



The Risley family played a major part in the life of Holy Cross. As a means of raising much needed revenue ice cream socials were held on the front lawn of the Risley farm home on West Willow Street. At these socials, home made cake, home made ice cream (double portions for the children) and a movie were available, all for 25¢.



Louis Risley became Father Norbert, who is now serving with the Franciscan Missions in Africa. The only daughter, Pauline, was the organist at Holy Cross for many years. Joseph, Carl and George, and their families, are still members of Holy Cross Parish.

Father Laurence Martin became the second pastor of Holy Cross Parish in 1930. During that year, a new church-school was built on West Saginaw Street. When this building was opened, the old church became known as the "Clayton Street Hall." Fund raising events were held in the Hall.



When the announcement was made from the pulpit of St. Mary's Church that a new parish was being formed on the west side of town, Mr. William Fineis was one of those living in that area who realized that he would become a charter member of the new parish. He also realized that the first pastor would be in dire need of finances for the building of a church.

Mr. Fineis graciously let Fr. James use his credit for three months until sufficient funds could be collected to erect a building. The lot upon which the first church was built was donated to the parish, donor unknown.

Holy Cross was a friendly, close-knit family from its very beginnings. The men of the parish volunteered their time to help build the church



William Fineis



while the ladies held bazaars, card parties and bingo's to help raise funds. All gave of their time and talent to mold the parish into a healthy, happy group.

Picture at left depicts two of the charter members of Holy Cross, Mr. Henry Bollman and Mr. Andrew Risley.

Incidentally, we are told that the first collection taken up by "Doc" Drolett and "Andy" Risley amounted to \$50.00.

School children of the '30's will remember the split sidewalk which by-passed a lovely tree on Saginaw Street, as shown at the extreme left of this picture.

Father Laurence Martin, second pastor of Holy Cross, had the longest term of any pastor to date, nine years.

Even though Fr. Martin served during the Depression years, the Church-School on Saginaw Street was completed and opened during his time.

There was a great need for the raising of funds; thus the inauguration of Bingo, parish dinners, bazaars, card parties and the Summer Festival. In the early years of the parish, the Festival was held in tents on the school and church grounds. A professional Carnival was hired for games and rides and the parish men and women "manned" booths for games of all sorts. Food and refreshments were available and there was always a large tent for Bingo. The Festival was held on a weekend and ran for two days. This was the largest, single means of income in the '30's.



Above is pictured Fr. Leonard Wren, who was the first Assistant at Holy Cross. Fr. Leonard served as Chaplain at Saint Lawrence Hospital, Assistant at Holy Cross and served the needs of St. Michael Parish in Grand Ledge from 1924 to 1926. After the establishment of Holy Cross in 1924, St. Michael Parish became a Mission of Holy Cross.

Left is pictured Fr. Oderic Auer, who came to Holy Cross in 1933 and assisted in a semi-retired capacity. For health's sake, he took long walks every day and can be best remembered for the following of parish children who tagged along.





*Fr. Laurence Martin
O.M.S.*

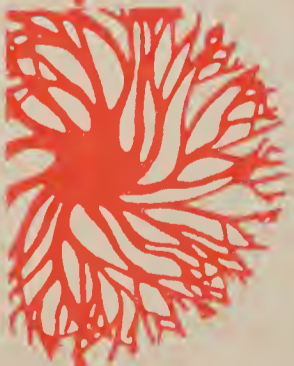
Rev. Laurence Martin, Pastor of Holy Cross (1930-1939). Died December 6, 1953

A good many potato-peeling members of the Altar Society will recall the wonderful dinners which were put on by the good ladies and which were served in the Clayton Street Hall.

Old issues of the Forecaster, a paper published for the Catholic churches of the area, reveal that in 1939, a Pancake Supper was served by the Altar Society, and all who came enjoyed a delicious meal for 35¢.

In the early '30's, the Friday Night Party was held in the Clayton Street Hall. The only other name to which it was referred in those days was Keno. When the men had a Stag Party, it was called a Stag Keno. Apparently, Bingo was an innovation of about 1940. According to Forecaster articles, Bingo was the new fad sweeping the country then. After Bingo was introduced at Holy Cross, the advertisement read: "No corn, no beans and no buttons. Just use a pencil to move the opening on your card from one side to the other. Only 25¢."

Some of you "old timers" will remember the petition taken up by the people on Clayton Street which read: "We the undersigned consider the Hall at 732 Clayton Street a public nuisance, and are asking that all public and private noise making amusements be stopped." The petition had 36 signatures and was presented to the Mayor and the City Council. It was referred to the City Affairs Committee.



The Clayton Street Hall was used for various and sundry activities.

The pictures on this page depict the 8th grade play "Brother Josiah" which was put on in 1937. Since the 7th and 8th grades were all in one classroom some of the actors were 7th graders.

You will note the stage curtain which came to be used for many years and which proved to be a money making item. Local

merchants placed advertising on the front of the curtain so that each time it was lowered, their particular message was displayed.



Many of the "middle aged" parishioners of Holy Cross will never forget the youth club organized by Fr. Charles Zengel. This was known as the "Co-Associated Club." Meetings were held in the Clayton Street Hall on Wednesday evenings, and every Friday evening there was a dance for members. Fee for the dance was 25¢.

According to one old census there were 150 members in the Co-Associated Club. The C-A-C engaged in many social activities not the least of which were hayrides to the Ledges. Now known as Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge, in those days it was merely "The Ledges." The large pavillion was used for dancing to the music of a juke box, and the park section was for picnics and wiener roasts.

Most of the members climbed the ledges at one time or another.

The Club was social and religious in nature. To belong to C-A-C, one had to attend the weekly meetings; to be allowed to attend weekly meetings, one had to pay his dues. After dues were paid, a membership card was issued. The card was used as a pass to social events. Also, there was a Communion Sunday, once a month. If a member did not attend Mass and Communion on C-A-C Sunday, he was barred from the next social event.

At the Wednesday evening meetings at the Clayton Street Hall, Father Charles held religious discussions with the Club members. Following these discussions was a business meeting and social hour.



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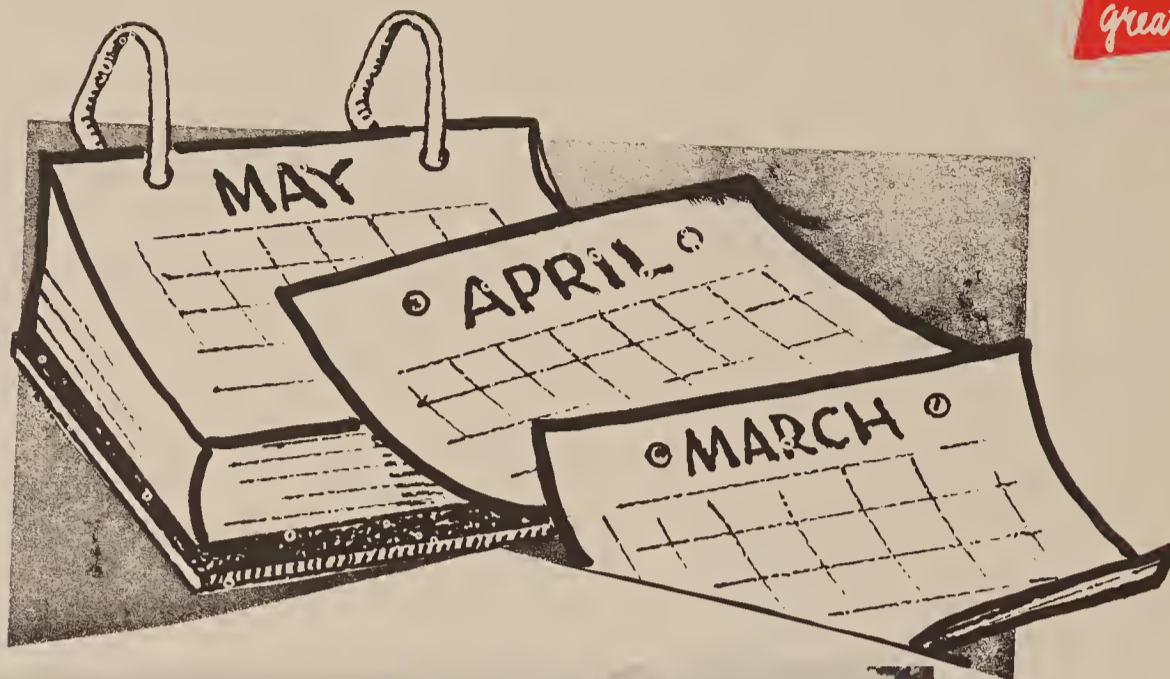




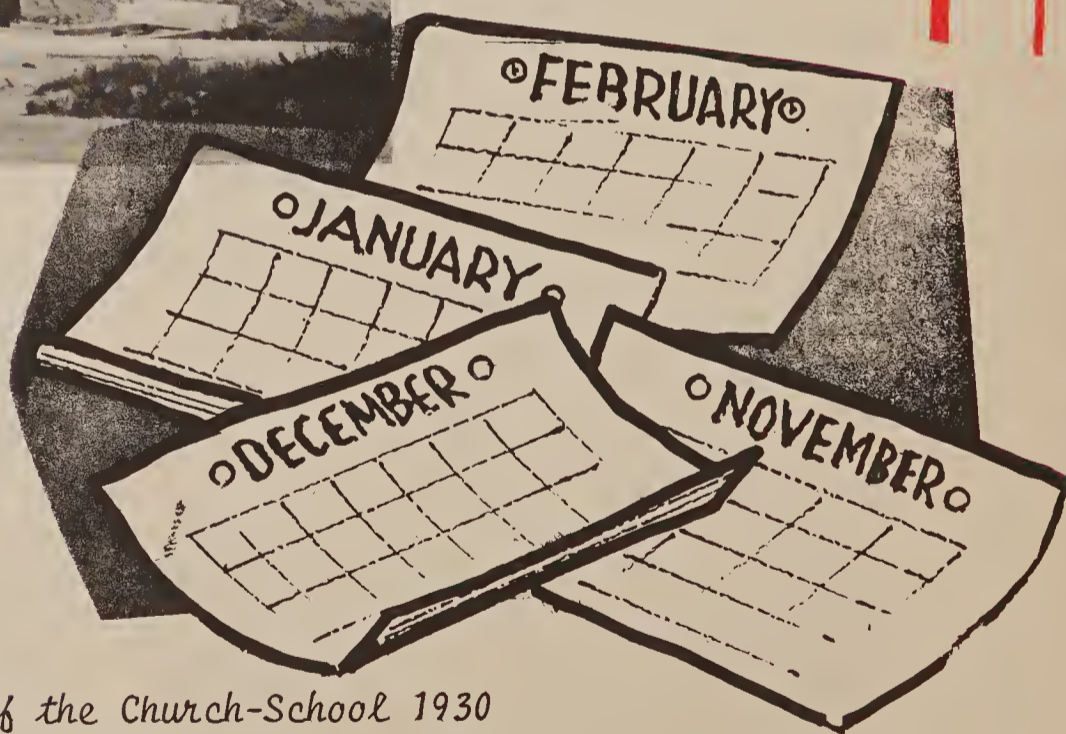
Under the direction of Fr. Daniel Emerine, the name of the Youth Club was changed to "Club Crozier." Pictured are a group of eighth graders on a picnic, accompanied by Sister Dionysia and Fr. Daniel.



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church will do
depends in
great part
on you



SIGNS OF THE TIMES



Construction of the Church-School 1930

Fr. Laurence Martin was pastor from 1930 to 1939. Under his stewardship, the combination church and school was opened in 1930, the church being on the ground floor and the school on the second floor. Pictures on the following pages will recall how the interior of the church looked then.



Construction of Church-School 1929-1930 - Saginaw Street

Note Vintage Car (1929-1930)





Church at 1514 W. Saginaw Street



FUND RAISING EVENTS

Whenever Holy Cross Parish has a fund-raising event or parish activity, the good ladies of the parish are there in force to help. Whether it be the parish Festival - a card party - a dinner - a farewell or welcoming event, the ladies of the Altar Society are there to provide the goodies and to pour the punch! Much has been done over the years to beautify the church and keep the sanctuary clean - to keep the necessities of the altar well stocked and to see that the altar boy cassocks (and surplices) are in first class condition. First President of the Holy Cross Altar Society was Mrs. John (Anna) Schutz.



Once again, from the Forecaster of the early 1940's came this interesting tidbit. It seems that there was a group of ladies known as "The Blessed Martin de Porres Study Club". Whatever else they did, they sold Christmas cards each year. During World War II, this item appeared in the Forecaster: "Due to the shortage of tires and gas rationing, the ladies of Blessed Martin de Porres Study Club will not be able to sell Christmas cards house to house. Please obtain your cards from the ladies in the vestibule of the church."



a Time to be together



*We Proudly
Salute*

ALL
FESTIVAL
WORKERS

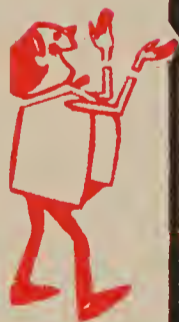
In 1936, the first outdoor summer Festival was held at Holy Cross. This was to become an annual event, the Festival still being held each year to the present time, however not the outdoor variety. In the 1930's, grass still covered the church and school grounds; blacktopping was a thing of the future. A "tent city" rose up over night on the church grounds - everything from a Bingo Tent to a Hamburger Tent. A carnival was called in to set up thrill rides, pony rides and merry-go-rounds for the young and the young at heart. The annual Festival has always been a true parish effort enjoyed by young and old alike.



During the 1960's, a very popular fund-raising event was the Holy Cross Showboat. This was a musical program presented in the tradition of the old river boats, emphasizing banjos and tambourines. This program was shown on two successive nights at Sexton High School Auditorium. The cast was composed of volunteers from the parish, and much "hidden" talent was uncovered at Showboat time! Programs were printed with advertising from local merchants and together with the proceeds from ticket sales, this was one of the parish's large sources of revenue.



Holy Cross Church and School 1930-1950



Showboat 1963

Speaking of fund raising projects, Holy Cross School pupils of the 1930's will recall with a chuckle a particular program which came up each Spring. Remember, this was during the Depression, and people by and large were a little more rural and a little less urban at that time. At any rate, the big Spring project was selling seeds! Yes indeed, each student sallied forth from school with his variety of seeds, from flowers to vegetables. This became a contest culminating with a prize awarded to the student selling the most seeds.



Raffles and school plays were also projects of the '30's. The students went door to door so often that they sometimes asked the householder if he would like to buy a "chance" on a play, or a raffle ticket, when of course, it should have been the other way around. Remembering some of the plays, perhaps he was "taking a chance" by buying a ticket!

The school has always been a vital force in the life of Holy Cross. In the beginning, the school was composed of four classrooms with two grades to a room. The Sisters of Mercy accepted the invitation to teach and operate the school. One Sister was assigned to each room. Each Sister taught two grades. Another Sister taught music at the convent, which at that time was a house at 1415 W. Saginaw St. Even with two grades to a room, there were probably no more than forty pupils to a room, thus around 160 pupils in the school. An auditorium, later to be converted to classrooms, completed the layout of the school floor. The Friday night Bingo games were held in the auditorium for many years, and on a really good night, the crowd overflowed down the length of the school hallway!

The girls of Holy Cross School wore blue uniforms. Mothers and grandmothers will recall making light blue dresses for early fall and spring and navy blue for winter, always with white collars and cuffs and a navy blue tie. One of the original parishioners, Mrs. George Creighton, not only made uniforms for her own daughter, Lorraine, but for many other girls in the school, as she



Third and Fourth Grades 1930

was an excellent seamstress. To enjoy what the boys wore, refer to the group pictures of classes taken during the '30's. In those days, individual pictures were not taken because classes were small and a group picture was no problem.

The church and school were all part of an entity. There was no real separation, one from the other. The school children participated in all liturgies, and during special times of the year, like Christmas and Holy Week, all of the school children were involved. Processions were in vogue then. Who can forget all of the girls, cleaned and pressed in their winter uniforms, and the boys in their cassocks and surplices, lined up on the stairs coming down from the school to the church, marching into church singing Christmas carols at Midnight Mass! Or the great display of love for Our Lady at the May Procession. Practice sessions were never-to-be-forgotten: heads up, feet straight ahead, keep two paces behind the person in front of you, eyes down. No laughing, poking or whispering in church. Girls will please wear light dresses and bring a bouquet of garden flowers. Boys will wear dark pants and a light shirt and a tie. Does it all sound familiar?



The Safety Patrol program was very big in the early days of the parish school. Not only were there patrol boys, there were patrol girls. The boys patrolled the area outside of the school, while the girls patrolled the halls. Who can forget those green and white arm bands? Younger parishioners of today may not believe this, but in those days, there was NO talking in the halls of the school. In fact, talking was not allowed at all, even out side of the building until students crossed the street and were off the school grounds. Pupils filed out of school in two lines and the rules of propriety were rigidly upheld by the Safety Patrols! At the end of the school year, there was a Safety Patrol Picnic held at Lake Lansing for all those who had been faithful to their duties during the year. This probably accounts for the large number of students who volunteered to be Safety Patrols!





The Eighth Grade Class 1934

Sister Mary Ellen

For many years, the fasting rules before Communion were very strict - no food or drink, not even water. Students of Holy Cross School in the '30's will remember the white cloths which were tied over the drinking fountains before any special liturgical feast when all of the children were going to receive Holy Communion. This was done by the Sisters to prevent anyone from inadvertently getting a drink of water and breaking his fast.



Sister Mary Evelyn

The Sixth Grade Class 1934





Sister Mary Dennis

The Fourth Grade Class of 1934

First Friday was always a very special day. Of course, the children went to Mass every day, but on First Friday, everyone received Communion. Students "brown bagged" it for breakfast, and the good ladies of the Altar Society made hot cocoa for all. The eighth grade girls would go from room to room, pouring hot cocoa from large pitchers to go along with the egg salad sandwiches!



The First Grade Class of 1934

Sister Mary Paula



The Third Grade Class of 1937



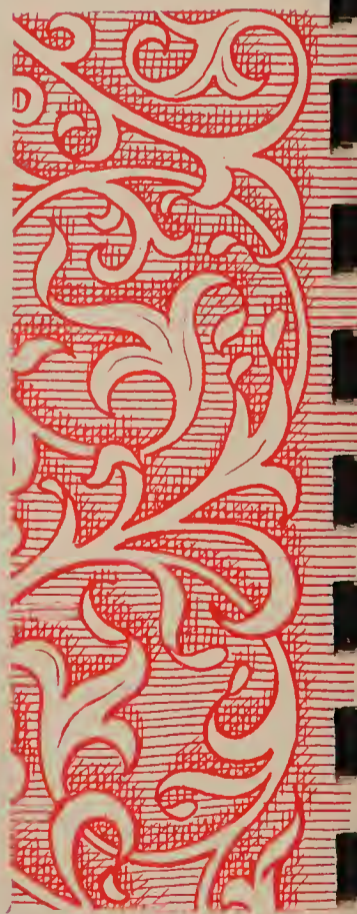
The Fifth Grade Class of 1937



The Eighth Grade Class of 1937



The Seventh Grade Class of 1937





The Eighth Grade Class of 1938

The first class to graduate students who had attended Holy Cross School from 1930 to 1938.



The Seventh Grade Class of 1938



Fifth Grade Class of 1939

*Rosary
Society*



Ladies of the parish enjoying one of the many Altar Society Card Parties



**First
things
First...**

Religious Education
Is No. 1 with us.



Eighth Grade Class 1939



*A May Crowning of the 1950's.
Note the growth in the number
of school children.*





At Left:

Fourth Grade 1937

Below:

Sixth Grade 1939



Mr. Leo Sisco, former maintenance man at Holy Cross for many years, who after his retirement, took a position as a Traffic Guard for the school children. He helped the children cross at the corner of Saginaw and Jenison.

A house in the background of this picture (second from the corner) was the original Sisters' convent in the 1930's. Later they moved to a duplex on Jenison which had been a home for the nurses of St. Lawrence Hospital.



Mr. Sisco's "Home Office"



Part of life at Holy Cross from its very beginnings was Leo Sisco. Every child who attended Holy Cross School in the 1930's knew "Mr. Sisco" as he was respectfully called. Of course, he was the maintenance man of the church and school. He could be found on any given school day, after school hours, pushing his broom up and down the rows of desks in the classrooms and whistling, always whistling! He had a smile and a good word for everyone.

Mr. Sisco could be found on Friday afternoons, setting up for the Bingo on Friday night.

He stoked the furnace, and fixed the window shades. He was always there when someone needed a helping hand.

A memory which will be familiar to all who knew Leo Sisco will be the sight of him riding his bicycle. He pedalled back and forth to work every day. One story is told by some of our parishioners who were young children in the 1930's. They claim that they would try to follow Mr. Sisco as he rode his bicycle down the street, but that he was able to ride so slowly that they would fall from their bikes.

Even after his retirement, Mr. Sisco helped the St. Vincent de Paul Society by sorting and folding clothing for the poor.



We Proudly Salute **MEL**



"A BIG Thanks"

Carrying on in the finest tradition established in the early years of the parish is Melvin Dravenstatt, familiarly known to all as "Mel" - Holy Cross Chief of Maintenance since 1953. In addition to his regular duties, Mel is called upon to assist with almost every activity of the parish. Today, from that GREAT BROOM CLOSET IN THE SKY, Mr. Sisco smiles down upon Mel, who is still trying to keep the boilers going in the old school building!





In 1945, the Youth Club of the parish became known as "Club Crozier" and is still known by that name. Fr. Daniel Emerine and some of the members are shown in these pictures. The first "Club" was in the Clayton Street Hall. Later, in the 1950's, the Church of God building located in the 700 block of N. Jenison was purchased (see picture below) and thereafter used for youth activities. Other youth leaders were Fr. Victor Waller, Fr. David Hutt, Fr. Mario Ross and Fr. Keith O'Neill.



Club Crosier



CHURCH AFFAIRS

The "music" Sister played an important role in the early life of the parish. She taught music at the convent during school hours.

At the end of each school year, a recital was held. In the beginning, recitals were held in the school auditorium. When the School of Music began to produce more proficient musicians and the number of pupils increased, the recitals were held at West Junior High School Auditorium in downtown Lansing.

See illustration on this page and the next.

Miss Freda Kielsen directed many of the artistic endeavors of Holy Cross.



Papageno's Magic Melody

DRAMA

and a

MUSICAL CONCERT

Given by the

HOLY CROSS
School of Music



MONDAY EVENING

JUNE FIFTH

NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

WEST JUNIOR AUDITORIUM



PROGRAM

THE MAGIC MELODY

Princess Madeleine Whitmore
 Magician Augustine Jullien
 Bootblack Donald Doll
 King James Campbell
 Queen Leota Lamoreaux
 Queen Florabella Mary Jane Feneley
 Ladies of the Court—
 Margaret Brogan, Catherine Dibble,
 Marie Taylor.

Lords of the Court—
 William Crowley, William Brogan,
 Wilson Hedley.

Guards Jack Treanor, Robert Ginther
 Doctor—Joseph Patterson
 Treasurer—Charles Whitmore
 Messenger—Leo Dunnebacke
 Bridget—Kathleen Hundt

Scene I —The Magician casts a spell over the Princess.

Scene II —Court Assembly
 The Doctor advises the King to
 have a Musical Concert to find a
 melody that may arouse the
 sleeping Princess.

Scene III—The Musical Concert by the Holy Cross Musicians.

THE MUSICAL CONCERT

Overture — Lustspiel Bela
 Orchestra

Come Where the Lilies Bloom Thompson
 De Coppah Moon Shelley
 Chorus

Trout du Cavalier Spindler
 1st Piano— 2nd Piano—
 Pauline Risley Kathleen McManus

Contented Fairies Spaulding
 Suzanne McKeone Eugenia Lyons
 Geraldine Bunnell Margaret Treanor
 James Allen Edward McKeone

Song of the Birds Gaynor
 Catharine Stahl Betty Rae Nestle
 Erma Treanor Thressa Granchorff
 Patrick Brophy Vernon Bauer

Bloom and Blossom Holst
 Mary Rita Patterson Margaret Ann Jullien
 Marilyn Mull Etta Marie Lyons
 Kathleen Mull Rebecca Stahl

PROGRAM

The Nightingale and the Rose Wilde
 Musical Reading—Freda Kielsen
 Accompanist—Mary Wildt

Flying Doves Heins
 Robert Taylor Patrick Lyons
 Lowell Sisco James Campbell

Valsette Streabbog
 Margaret McManus Marion Nestle
 Agnes Egan Elizabeth Franklin
 Mary Egan Mildred Dunnebacke

Marche Kirchner
 Margaret Meyers Kathleen McManus
 Marion Nestle Mary Louise Darbon
 Robert Taylor Joan Darbon

Gavotte Gossec
 At Dawning Cadman
 Trio—Violin—Robert Carpenter
 Cello—Richard Carpenter
 Piano—Charles Pearson

Approach of Spring Lindsay
 Dorothy Doll Margaret McManus
 Margaret Fiebig Beverly Shupp

Marche Triomphale Morrison
 Louise Biergans Roximargaret Dalton
 Pauline Risley Mary Jane Feneley

Grande Valse de Concert Hoffmann
 1st Piano— 2nd Piano—
 Pauline Risley Margaret Meyers

Hark to the Mandolin Parker
 Freda Kielsen Magdalen Gressle
 Roximargaret Dalton Edna Bellet

In the Procession Hewitt
 Margaret McManus Margaret Meyers
 Dorothy Doll Beverly Shupp
 Kathleen McManus Margaret Ann Jullien
 Lorelei Sheridan Margaret Fiebig

La Baladine Lysberg
 1st Piano— 2nd Piano—
 Lois Wildt Mary Wildt

O'er Hill and Dale Englemann
 Mary Jane Feneley Dorothy Doll
 Kathleen McManus Margaret Meyers

Le Carneval de Venise Dancla
 The Rosary Nevin
 Violin Solos—Joseph Robel
 Accompanist—Lois Wildt

Hungarian Dance No. 6 Brahms
 1st Piano— 2nd Piano—
 Eleanor Pohl Sedlon Rosemary Cady Mercada



Fr. Ignatius Hanley

Holy Cross Servers 1957

Fr. Adrian Peck

These pictures display the several different vestments worn by altar boys over the years.



As everyone knows, when a person is attending a solemn ritual, his inclination is to laugh or do something funny. Altar boys are a perfect example. Many long years ago, Fr. Justin Phelps was officiating at the Sunday evening Vesper service. Two well-trained servers were assisting. At Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the two boys decided that life was getting a little boring on the altar. Fred Dunnebacke (son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dunnebacke, charter members) was in charge of the bell, and Wilbur Sohn (son of Mr. & Mrs. August Sohn, charter members) was swinging the incense pot, known as the censer. Fred dared Wilbur to swing the censer around in a full circle - which Wilbur proceeded to do. As far as is known, neither Fr. Justin nor those attending the service noticed this unique performance. Wilbur didn't spill a drop of incense. After the services, Fr. Justin slipped a couple of nickels from the collection into his pocket and treated the boys to ice cream cones at the corner drug store!



Wedding of Wendell Foltz performed by Fr. Justin Phelps in 1945

Another story has been related about a young boy who was serving for Father Martin at an early morning Mass, when very few people attended. Most of those who came received Communion before Mass and departed for work. On this particular day, young Edgar Holmes went up to Father, whose back was to the congregation, and told him that people were coming up for Communion. Father proceeded to remove the ciborium from the tabernacle and turned to give the people absolution, only to find that there was no one there. Edgar looked at Father and said: "April Fool!" This is a true story and of course happened on April Fool's Day. It has not been recorded what Father said or did after this little happening!



HOLY CROSS BOY SCOUTS

October 29, 1931,
application was
made for Charter
for Holy Cross
Boy Scout Troop
36, Chief Okemos
Council of
Lansing, Michigan.

Scoutmaster:
Jerry Allen
Asst. Scoutmaster:
Donald Drolett
Committee
Chairmen:
D. C. Whitmore
G. Smallidge
Cecil Taylor



John Maahs receiving Eagle Scout Award

Scouts of original Troop 36:

George Bridson	Donald Doll	James Ellis	Richard Powers	Jack Treanor
Wilson Hedley	Donald Whitmore	Charles Whitmore		
	Ralph Smallidge			



The Ad Altare Dei Award

presented to

James Dravenstatt

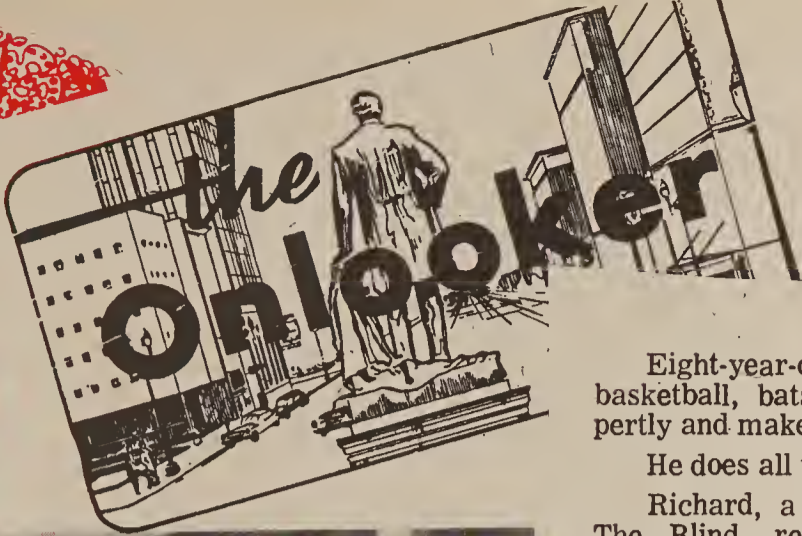
by

Fr. DePaul Bosse, O.F.M.Conv.

1972

**Ad
Altare
Dei**





Speak the language of

Love

By JIM HOUGH

Eight-year-old Richard Torres rides his bike, plays basketball, bats a ball off a batting tee, bowls, swims expertly and makes beautiful products from leather.

He does all that despite his total blindness.

Richard, a fourth grader at the Michigan School For The Blind, refuses to let his blindness interfere with "things I want to do."

He lives in Lansing with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fulger, 813 Cawood. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Torres, live in Highland Park.

Richard was blind in one eye at birth and lost sight in the other eye at age three when he suffered from a disease.

He plays basketball by using a ball and a backboard equipped with bells. He rides his bicycle on the sidewalk near his home. He is an expert swimmer and bowler. He also excels in leathercraft.



Richard Torres (right) and friend Jim Fulger

But, what Richard enjoys most are his Cub Scout activities. He is the only handicapped member of Den 2, Pack 236, sponsored by Holy Cross Church. Meeting normal requirements for advancement, Richard has earned his Bobcat and Wolf badges and he is currently working on his Arrowpoints.

His cousin and closest friend, James Fulger, also 8, has been a big help. Jim's eyes see for both boys and his patience and understanding help Richard progress.

Richard's proudest moment came last June when he was presented the Parvuli Dei award, the highest Cub Scout award bestowed by the Catholic Church, for unusual spiritual and religious achievement. Richard and Jim serve together as church altar boys and Richard keeps a logbook on their activities in braille. He makes entries with his braille typewriter.

U. S. Marine Maj. John Rasavage of Lansing has known Richard several years and has served as a Cub Scout leader. Maj. Rasavage said:

"When that special Parvuli Dei award was pinned on Richard's chest by his proud grandparents, the boy became one of few persons in the state ever to be so honored. All of us who have observed this boy's accomplishments can only conclude that blindness is but a state of mind for those who have the desire and fortitude to succeed. Richard stands as a model for all cub scouts. I admire him greatly."

Congratulations, Richard, you are my favorite Cub Scout.

To love

is to share with all

It is a law of human life, as certain as gravity: to live fully, we must learn to use things and love people --- not love things and use people.

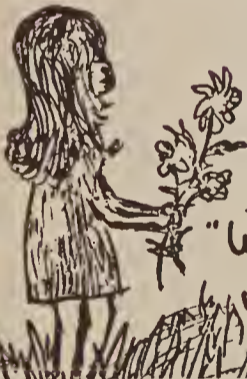
are Those who suffer persecution se They do d requires: ie Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them!

LEAVE

Richard Kelley Present Scoutmaster, Troop 36

SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PRINTS THE WORLD



"What you are what you become"



Man wonders over the restless sea the flowing water the sight of the and forgets that of all the man himself most wonder

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Parvuli Dei Awards Given to 12 Lansing Cub Scouts

LANSING--A special Mass was celebrated recently at Holy Cross Church in Lansing on a Tuesday evening.

It was special because it honored 12 Cub Scouts from Pack 236 and their families, leaders and friends who had worked so earnestly with the Cubs to help them earn their Parvuli Dei emblem.

The Parvuli Dei emblem is a recognition that the Catholic Church gives to Cub Scouts for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation.

Earning the award requires completing specified requirements which involve demonstration of the Scout's fulfillment of his "duty to God" through reading, discussions, projects, a written logbook and an oral examination by a priest. Participation of the parents is a mandatory part of the program.

THE SCOUT Mass at Holy Cross Church was celebrated by Fr. DePaul O.F.M. CONV., the associate pastor. During his homily, Fr. DePaul stressed the importance of Scouting and the significance of the Parvuli Dei in the context of today's society.

The high point of the ceremony came when the medals were blessed by Fr. DePaul and then individually awarded to each Scout. Each medal

was pinned on the recipient by his parents because as Fr. DePaul put it... "the award was earned only through the encouragement, assistance and patience of the parents, therefore it should be awarded by the parents."

THE MEDAL awarded to Cut Scout Richard Torres was particularly significant since Richard has been totally blind since the age of three.

Others receiving the award were James Fulger, Shem Stevens, David Hengesbach, Jeffery Gmazel, Bryan Hagman, Frank Laurich, Christopher Baxter, Philip Milton,

Jeff Dravenstatt, Phil Hecksel and Bruce Peterson.

A Pack meeting and reception followed the Mass ending the inspirational evening.

The event marked the largest contingent of Cub Scouts ever to simultaneously be awarded the Parvuli Dei Emblem in Lansing.

PARVULI DEI



PARVULI DEI

This Certifies That

has completed all requirements for the Parvuli Dei

Date

SCOUT CHAPLAIN

LAY CHAIRMAN

CONGRATULATIONS



SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS--Twelve members of Pack 236, Holy Cross Church, Lansing were presented with Parvuli Dei awards at a special Mass. Pictured left to right, front row, are Frank Laurich, Jeffrey Gmazel, Shem Stevens, and James Fulger. Middle row, left to right, are Bruce Peterson, Christopher Baxter, David Hengesbach and Richard Torres. In the back row, left to right, are Jeffrey Dravenstatt, Philip Milton and Phil Hecksel. Bryan Hagman was absent.





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To Honor Newsboy

Charles Bappert, Journal
Carrier, Saved Woman
From Fire

A State Journal newspaper carrier and the pastor of his Boy Scout troop will be honored Monday evening for the youth's heroism in saving the life of a young woman in a residence fire last June 25 here.

Charles Bappert, 826 Clayton st., member of the Holy Cross church Boy Scout troop, will be presented with a certificate of merit Monday at 8 p. m. at the church basement clubrooms for his heroic effort.

The presentation will be made by Gov. Swainson on behalf of the National council, Boy Scouts of America. He will also present Rev. Fr. Mark Mindrup, pastor of the church and counselor of the Scout troop, with a certificate.

The Bappert boy, who was 12 years old at the time, was delivering his copies of The State Journal about 5:30 p. m. on June 25, 1960, when he spotted smoke coming from the home of Daniel Balog, 600 N. Logan st. He rushed over to the house and aroused its sole occupant, Joyce Balog, 20, then turned in a fire alarm.

Firemen said another minute or two would probably have been too late for the occupant to get out safely, and the house would have been a total loss. As it was, damage was set at \$6,000.

1961



LOCAL SCOUT HONORED—
Charles Bappert, 13-year-old member of the Holy Cross church Boy Scout troop received a certificate of merit presented by Gov. John B. Swainson last night in behalf of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America for the youth's heroism in the saving of the life of a young woman in a residence fire here 10 months ago. Several hundred area scouts and parents attended the ceremony in the basement clubroom of Holy Cross church. (State Journal Photo). 1961



HONORED—Charles Bappert, 826 Clayton Street, member of the Holy Cross Church Boy Scout Troop in Lansing was presented with a certificate of merit recently for his heroic effort in saving the life of a young woman in a residence fire last June 25. The presentation was made by Gov. Swainson on behalf of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. He also presented Father Mark Mindrup, pastor, and counselor of the troop, with a certificate. The Bappert boy, when he spotted smoke coming from the home of Daniel Balog, rushed over to the house and aroused its sole occupant, Joyce Balog. Firemen said another minute or two would probably have been too late for the occupant to get out safely. The boy is shown here with Fr. Mindrup, his mother and Alfred Beverle.



Holy Cross is also proud of the girls who participated in Scouting over the years.

First Girl Scout Leader: Mrs. Raymond (Pearl) Boniac
First Lieutenant: Ethel Brossard (Cassel)

2 THE STATE JOURNAL Saturday, May 20, 1961
Lansing, Michigan



GIRL SCOUTS HONORED —
The nine Girl Scouts of Troop 267, Holy Cross church, were honored with the Marian award Friday night during ceremonies at the church. Awarded medals by Fr. Mark Mindrup, right, were Kathy Drouin, Mary Rowan, Bernice Esch, Carol Ann Gettle, Denise Gloden, Cathryn Bacon, Patricia Commenator, Margaret Rowan and Patricia Niesz. Mrs. H. Niesz and Mrs. Elmer Esch are co-leaders of the troop. (State Journal Photo)

"In serving others, a Scout takes no account of race, color, religion or language, because as the Scout Law asserts, a Scout is the friend of all and a brother to every other Scout."

—POPE PAUL VI



THIS IS A GREAT SACRAMENT

WEDDING - NUPTIAL MASS



Final Wedding held in the church on Saginaw St. - May 27, 1950.

*Groom: Thomas Lehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lehman
(charter members of Holy Cross)*

*Bride: Elizabeth Bollman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bollman
(charter members of Holy Cross)*





GATHERED  TOGETHER



In 1951, Father Ambrose Finnegan became the fifth pastor of Holy Cross, serving until 1957. The parish had grown into its new church, and the school, likewise, was bursting at the seams. In 1955, under the direction of Fr. Ambrose, ground was broken and ten additional classrooms, a gymnasium and offices were completed. Construction was also begun on a new convent.

These pictures of First Communion classes will point up the changes over the years in the school enrollment. The picture below is the 1937 Class with 43 pupils. At that time, the entire school was on the second floor of the church-school building at 1514 W. Saginaw St.

The picture at the top of the opposite page is the 1956 Class with 146 pupils. This was just two years before the parish was split and St. Gerard was formed.

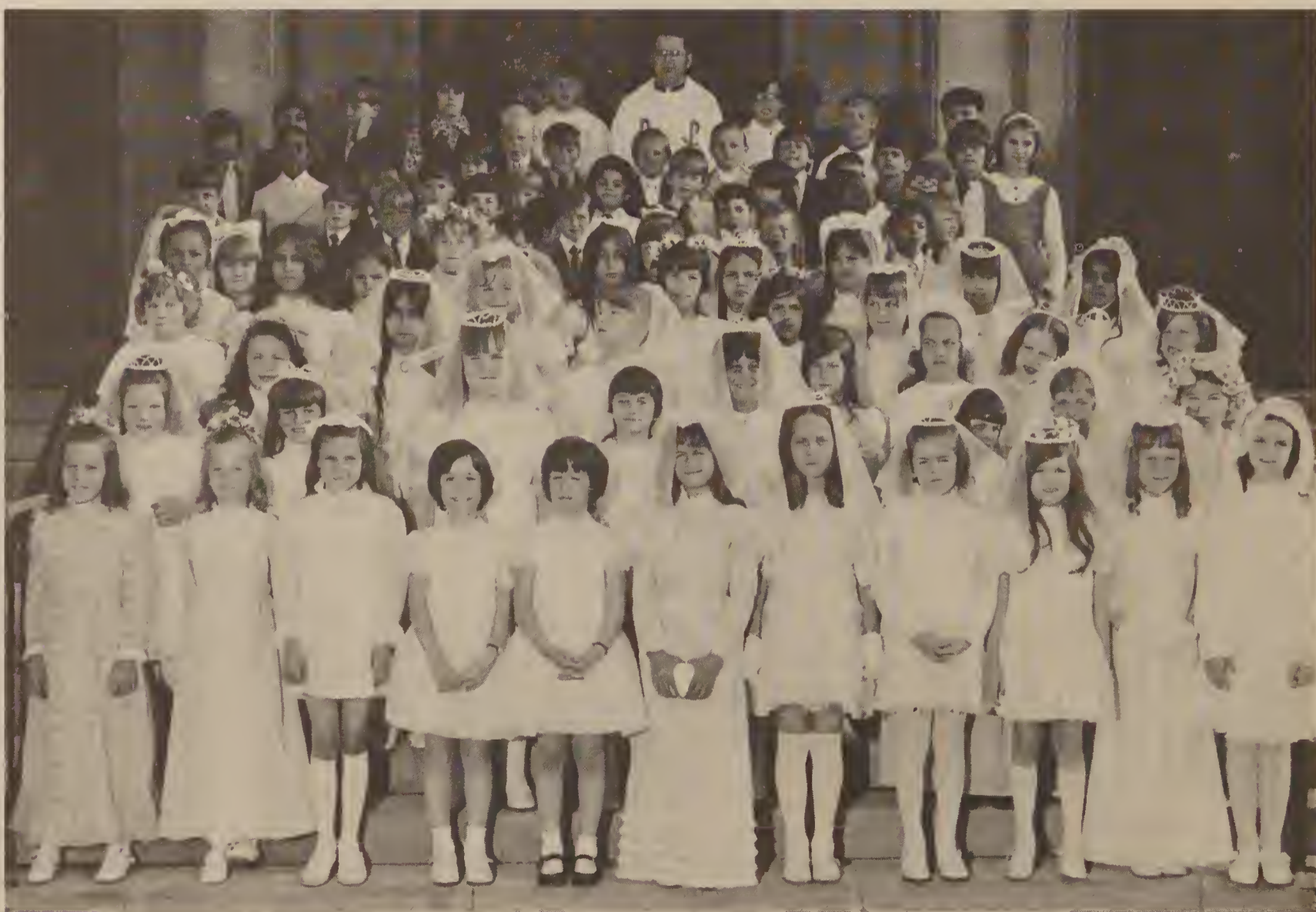


Pictured at the bottom of the opposite page is the Class of 1969 at which time there were 85 pupils in the First Communion Class. It became evident that growth had already peaked and school enrollment was on the wane.

The school population grew from approximately 160 pupils in 1930 to about a thousand pupils in 1957. At this time, every available space was used for classrooms, including the Club Crozier building. Even at that, some students had to be turned away for lack of space to accommodate them.

In 1937, the Diocese of Lansing was established, the Most Rev. Joseph H. Albers becoming the first Bishop of Lansing. At that time, Holy Cross School had 240 students in four classrooms and were taught by five Mercy Sisters (one of whom was undoubtedly the music Sister). There were 380 families in Holy Cross Parish in 1937.







Processions of the 30's and 40's, which included all of the school children, began in the hallway of the school proceeded down the stairs and into the church.

There were processions for the major feasts of the Church and, of course, a May Procession.

ENABLE MAN
NOT ONLY TO EXIST
BUT TO LIVE, NOT
ONLY TO SURVIVE
BUT TO CREATE!

The late Bishop Albers shown with Father Pascal at the sacristy door of the old church.

The "old sacristy" is now the St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Room.



In 1939, Fr. Laurence Martin was given a new appointment and Fr. Justin Phelps came to Holy Cross as its third pastor. Since Fr. Martin had done a good deal of building during his administration, it fell upon Fr. Justin to hold a tight rein on expenses, and to see that as much as possible of the debt be paid off. Fr. Justin had a keen eye for economy, and was known for "turning off lights" wherever he went. He was a jolly, happy-go-lucky man, and was often seen hitching a ride on the bicycle of an altar boy in order to avoid walking to church from the rectory on Clayton St. to the church on Saginaw.

When Holy Cross was in its 21st year, Fr. Pascal Murray became pastor. By this time, a great deal of growth had taken place, especially since the establishment of the school. There were over three hundred pupils in six classrooms. The former auditorium had been partitioned into two additional classrooms to supplement the original four.

Therefore, plans were begun to purchase property on Oakland Avenue for the construction of a new church-auditorium. Anyone in the parish then, and knowing the layout of the land, would never have pictured our "permanent" church as being located on Oakland Avenue, to say nothing of Oakland becoming a major highway! At that time, the church property extended about halfway between Saginaw and what is now Oakland (Oakland did not even go through from Jenison to Comfort Streets). The back yard of the church-school building was a sloping, grassy plain on which were placed various pieces of playground equipment plus plenty of room left over for baseball, football or whatever. Behind the fence at the back of the property stood an old barn in about the site where our church stands today. Actually, Oakland Street, what there was of it, was very narrow (this fact is pointed up in the picture on the opposite page of the cornerstone laying in 1949). At that point in time, it would have been very difficult to visualize it as it is today. It has been said that our late Bishop Albers always dreamed of a Holy Cross Church eventually being built on the corner of Saginaw and Comfort Streets, facing Saginaw.

Cornerstone for the new church-auditorium was laid in 1949 and the completed structure was blessed in the spring of 1950. The old church-school was then converted into all classrooms to meet the needs of an ever increasing enrollment. One of the first Masses offered in the new church was the First Solemn Mass of Fr. Germain Belen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Belen, original parishioners of Holy Cross Parish. Daniel Belen attended Holy Cross School and having been influenced in his religious life by the Franciscans from early childhood, joined the Franciscan Order and became Father Germain.

In 1949, Holy Cross celebrated its 25th Anniversary. The parish was experiencing growing pains, was expanding very rapidly, its school bulging at the seams, and was in the midst of building the church-auditorium. Regretfully, there is no record of the number of families in the parish at that time. The church-auditorium was completed and blessed before the end of Father Pascal's pastorate.

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Laying of Cornerstone for Church on Oakland Avenue - 1949



Blessing of Church on Oakland - 1950



Church on Oakland Avenue under construction



Church on Oakland Avenue after completion

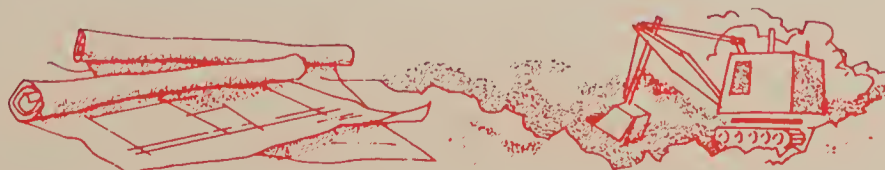


The fifth pastor of Holy Cross, Fr. Ambrose Finnegan, was destined to become another builder. One of his first acts was to purchase and remodel a private residence on Comfort Street to serve as a Rectory. Up to this time, the Rectory was still located adjacent to the Clayton Street Hall.

Pictured here is the Rectory at 742 Comfort Street which served the priests of the parish from 1952 until the present Friary was completed in 1963.

Fr. Ambrose with two assistants, and following him, Fr. Ignatius with two assistants, found themselves to be in very crowded conditions in the Rectory on Comfort St. Not only were the living quarters inadequate, but there was little or no room for offices or counselling. When Fr. Mark took over the administration of the parish in 1960, he asked some of the men of the parish to volunteer their time and labor to construct several additions to the house. These were added to the rear of the house and served as offices for the individual priests as well as an office for the parish secretary and bookkeeper, who incidentally, began to work for the parish at that time.

Plans were begun almost immediately for the construction of a Friary-Administration-Workshop Building, large enough to accommodate all of the existing needs of a large parish. Newspaper accounts and pictures will be found on the following pages.



BUILDING NEWS



Holy Cross To Build

Administration Unit, Rectory Planned

Plans for construction of a new administration building and friary at Lansing's Holy Cross church were announced Saturday by Rev. Fr. Mark Mindrup, O.F.M. Conf. Holy Cross pastor.

Fr. Mindrup said the building—expected to cost more than \$100,000—will be built on the site of the present friary (rectory) on Comfort st. The new building will face Oakland ave.

TO DRAW PLANS

The Lansing architectural firm of Mayotte and Webb was awarded a contract to draw up plans for the building following approval by Bishop Joseph H. Albers, of the Lansing diocese.

Construction is expected to start next fall.

At the same time, plans are being developed by the St. Christopher Workshop of Bremen, Ind., for the renovation of the present temporary church.

The modernization work on the church will include enlargement of the sanctuary, a new altar and paneling, new light fixtures and renovation of the church pews.

DETAILS SPACE

Fr. Mindrup said the new administration building and friary will have between 10,000 and 12,000 square feet of space in the basement, first and second floors.

The administration building will have offices and meeting and conference rooms and it will blend architecturally with the present church and school buildings.

The present rectory and three other houses on the site of the new building will be moved to other locations or razed.

In order to break ground for the new Friary, the house at 742 Comfort St. was moved to a site on Jenison Ave. Several other houses were moved in order to make room. The house which had been on the corner of Oakland and Comfort was moved to 740 North Jenison and subsequently purchased by Mel Dravenstatt, the Chief of Maintenance at Holy Cross Parish.



Rectory Northeast



Rectory

Annex



New Friary opened August 25, 1963

New Holy Cross Friary Finished; Cost \$150,000

Completion of the new \$150,000 Holy Cross Friary, 1611 Oakland Ave., was announced Friday by Rev. Mark F. Mindrup, OFM Conv., pastor.

An open house for members of the parish and friends will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday. Formal dedication of the Friary and blessing ceremonies will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, with Most Rev. Michael Joseph Green, auxiliary bishop of Lansing, officiating.

The new structure is an administration - workshop - resi-

dence complex. The administration center includes a general office, three counseling offices, a conference room and a reception area. The worship area provides for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Ushers' Club, maintenance department and storage for parish properties.

The first floor of the residence houses the oratory, living room, kitchen and dining facilities and housekeeper's quarters. There are sleeping facilities and a library for the clergy on the cloistered second floor of the Friary. A Franciscan Lay Brother, serving the parish, will also reside there.

Britsch Construction Co., was the general contractor, and Mayotte-Webb, the architects for the building which brings together the functions of the parish which were formerly located in several separate units. The Friary was planned with consideration of the continued expansion of Holy Cross Parish.





NEW ADDITION—The Most Rev. Joseph H. Albers will bless the new addition to Holy Cross School in Lansing, shown above, on Sunday, May 6, at 4:30 p.m.

Bishop to Bless Lansing School Addition

LANSING—A large number of priests, both diocesan and religious, will assist the Most Rev. Joseph H. Albers, D.D., when His Excellency blesses the new addition to Holy Cross School on Sunday, May 6 at 4:30 p. m.

The recently completed addition contains ten class rooms, a multi-purpose hall, principal's office, teachers' lounge and a clinic.

THE ONE STORY block and brick structure is attached to the original school building which was constructed in 1930.

Of the 685 children now enrolled at Holy Cross School, approximately 475 are attending classes in the new addition. The September enrollment of the school is expected to exceed 800 pupils.

A physical education program for the children has been planned for the coming school year.

An adult recreational program, for both men and women, has already been started in the multi-purpose hall.

THE ARCHITECTURAL firm of Simpson and Hartwick designed the new building. Foster,

Faced with an overcrowded school, Fr. Ambrose broke ground for an additional ten classrooms and offices in 1955. With completion of the new addition in the fall of 1956, the school was able to accommodate 776 students from grades one through nine.

With the growth of the parish together with the increased enrollment of the school, a larger number of Sisters were now serving the parish and had moved from the small house on Saginaw Street to a large duplex on Jenison Avenue. This was by no means a new structure nor was it built to accommodate the needs of convent life. Therefore, in the spring of 1957, Father Ambrose began the construction of a permanent convent for Holy Cross. However

before the convent was completed, Father Ambrose was transferred.

The convent was completed during the first year that Father Ignatius Hanley served Holy Cross as its sixth pastor. The school population rose to almost one thousand students and every available nook and cranny was put to use for classrooms. Some students had to be turned away.

Bishop Albers saw the need for relieving the parish of its overwhelming burden. In 1958, Holy Cross was partially divided and St. Gerard Parish was established from the families living on the extreme west side of Holy Cross Parish. At this point, the parish became completely surrounded with no further room for expansion, just as St. Mary's had been in 1924 when Holy Cross Parish came into being.

In his concern for the spiritual growth of its parishioners, Fr. Ignatius inaugurated two strictly devotional organizations; for the men, the Nocturnal Adoration Society, and for the women, the People's Eucharistic League. The outgrowth of these is still

manifest in the hour of adoration which follows the evening Mass on First Fridays.

From 1950 until 1960, the church remained much the same with regard to its interior, which was cement blocks painted gray. Statues and altars were outdated. Change was taking place in the Church even at this early date.

Liturgies were being shortened and simplified and music was being sung in English instead of Latin. Fr. Mark Mindrup, who became the seventh pastor in September of 1960, felt that the building should be "dressed up" a bit, not only because of the need at that time, but because it was becoming increasingly apparent that this would be the permanent church for Holy Cross!

KICK-OFF CAMPAIGN FOR THE BUILDING OF THE TWO LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS



C A M P A I G N A S S I G N M E N T S for the Memorial Gifts Committee of the Lansing Catholic High Schools Building Fund Campaign were received by more than 400 Catholic laity on Tuesday evening, Oct. 6, when they met in the St. Mary Cathedral High School auditorium. Participating parishes in the greater Lansing area have been assigned individual goals for the campaign. The area has been divided into two districts with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jerome

V. MacEachin and William Mahoney directing the campaign for the east side and the John A. Gabriels High School. On the west side, Rt. Rev. Herman P. Fedewa and Russell Lawler are directing the fund raising project for the John W. O'Rafferty High School. Actual construction of the two new schools will begin as soon as \$900,000.00 is received in cash donations.

Fr. Ignatius, together with a number of men from the parish, attended the kick-off meeting for the initial planning of two new Catholic high schools in Lansing. A campaign was organized, and these parish men called on other members of the parish to contribute funds. The end result was the building of O'Rafferty High School on the West side, and Gabriels High School on the East side. Due to the lack of necessary revenue, O'Rafferty was forced to close; thus, the two schools merged and became Lansing Catholic Central.





Sister Mary Janice
(Germain Belen)

Father Germain
(Daniel Belen)



Sisters of Mercy from Holy Cross Parish and their parents - 1963

Two couples in the above picture were original members of Holy Cross Parish. At the far left are Mr. and Mrs. August Stratz, standing behind Sister Mary August (Madelyn Stratz). On the far right, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Belen, standing behind Sister Mary Janice (Germain Belen).



something very special.

CONGRATULATIONS

8 THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Friday, April 28, 1961

CATH-OLETIC



Holy Cross



IT'S PRETTY hard to outdo the job done for Holy Cross sports in Lansing by Herb McCourt.

For 25 years, McCourt, a lieutenant in the Lansing police department, volunteered his time and effort to help build an athletic program which is the envy of the city.

Herb started tutoring Holy Cross boys when the school opened. He formed a basketball team which played in the old Church league in Lansing.

THE PROGRAM grew and branched out into other sports. Herb got help but still was the helping hand. The football team, under the leadership of Bill Conn, has only lost one game in five years.

Sports come naturally to Lt. Herb. He played basketball for St. Mary's Cathedral High when Ray Lehman was coach.

Herb is retiring from the coaching job this year. His friends and former Holy Cross players thought so much of him that they honored him at a banquet April 14.

In a surprise "This is Your Life" testimonial, McCourt was given an album of pictures of former Holy Cross teams and a silver serving pitcher.

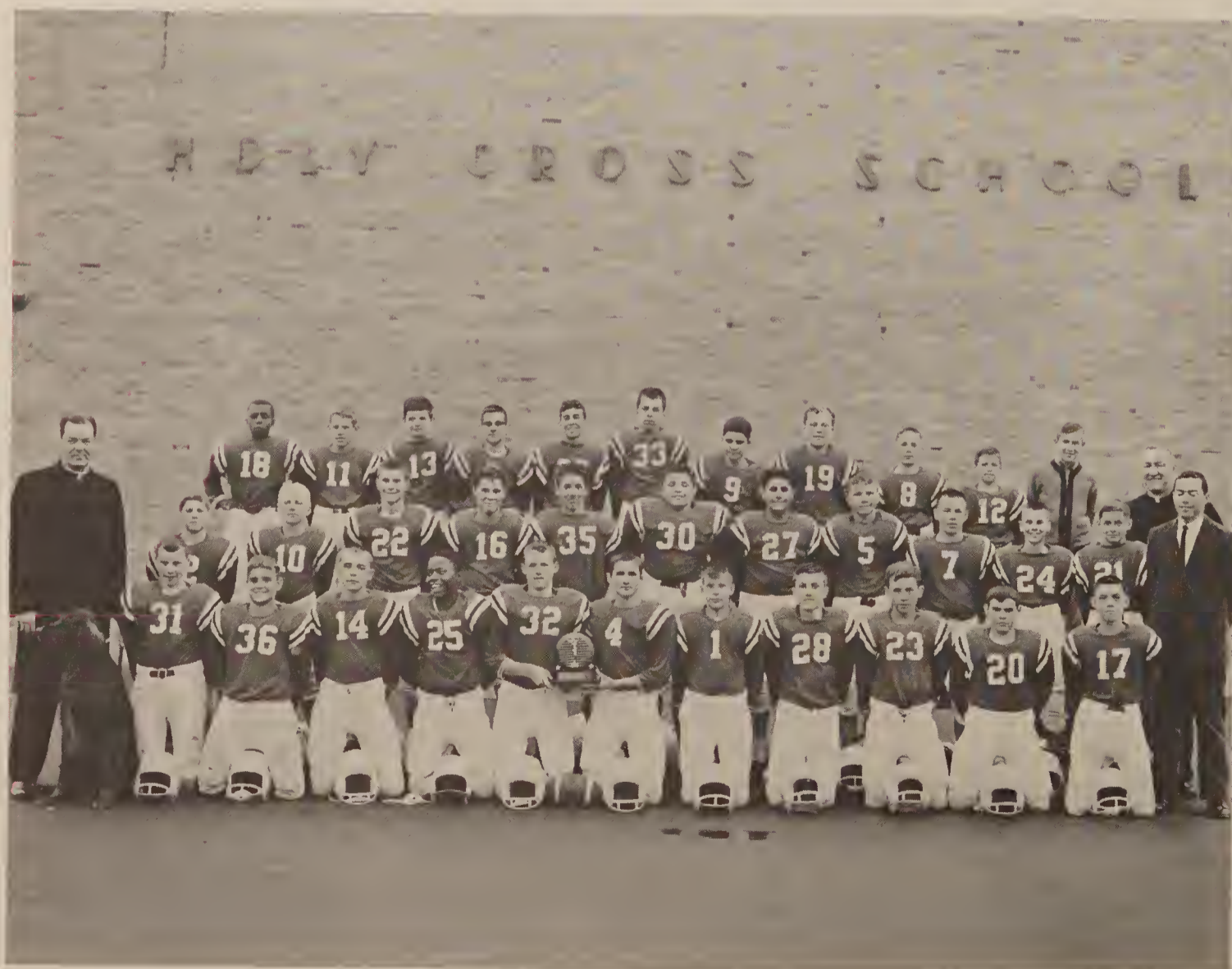
He and his wife also received Holy Cross coaching jackets.

The applause was loud and long. The Catholic Weekly would like to add an echo to the warm salute to a true friend of school-boy athletics.



McCOURT HONORED — Herb McCourt, who has been coaching Holy Cross athletic teams for 25 years, was honored by his former players and the school at the school's basketball award banquet Friday night. During a surprise "This is Your Life" program, Bill Conn (standing) head coach at the school, presented Coach McCourt with an album of pictures of his former teams and

a silver pitcher. Herb and Mrs. McCourt also received Holy Cross coaching jackets. (State Journal Photo)



Sports Events

BASKETBALL: Opposite Page: 1970-71 Fifth Grade Team
Coach: Thomas Bellgowan

FOOTBALL: Opposite Page: Team of the 1960's shown with Fr. Mark Mindrup,
Fr. David Hutt and the team mascot "Duke."



1938 Holy Cross Champions

Fr. Charles Zengel Mr. Herbert McCourt
Robert Whitmore - Bernard Egan - Carl Shook - Henry Fiebig
Donald Taylor-Jack Noonan-Norman Meyers-Richard Whitmore-Larry McKenna



BASEBALL: West Side Field during the 1940's with Fr. Daniel Emerine.



Jacob G. Miller, President



Anthony Ott, Vice-President

the Vincentians



Henry Sommer, Secretary



Frank Egan, Treasurer

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Aiding the poor, cheering the sick, visiting the shut-ins and giving spiritual counsel to the discouraged are just a few deeds performed by the Holy Cross Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Nearly fifty Holy Cross area families are annually befriended by the local Conference. Its program is extended as far as its financial resources permit regardless of race, color or creed.

Working in teams of two and in the strictest confidential manner, men of the parish Conference devote an average of two hours a week to visiting the needy in their homes; another hour is spent at the weekly Conference meeting.

Their missions are varied and many. It may mean providing groceries, clothing and household furnishings for families where sickness, unemployment or other needy conditions prevail. In some cases, rent and utilities have been paid by the Society until welfare or other agencies could take over; medical aid has been arranged for the sick, and more adequate housing has been found for those in substandard quarters.

The Vincentians have also been instrumental in staving off some evictions and getting creditors to extend time on accounts; and they have helped families work out their budgets to enable them to clear up their debts.

Vincentians have also been called upon to assist where the man of the house is an alcoholic and drifts from job to job. In some cases, they have been able to encourage the man to seek help from Alcoholics Anonymous or enter an institution, and then have helped to readjust the routine of his family.

The log of Vincentian spiritual works also includes teaching liturgy, arranging baptisms, enrolling children in parish schools or CCD programs, and leading fallen away to the resumption of religious practice. Regular friendly visits are made to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, the sick at home, the shut-ins and, in particular, to the homes of the bereaved offering assistance of any nature.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul takes its name from St. Vincent de Paul, the exponent of modern charity and his principles are its principles. The Society was organized in May, 1833 by a small band of Catholic students at Sorbonne University in Paris under the leadership of Frederic Ozanam, a twenty year old law student.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Holy Cross Parish was established on December 28, 1938 when Father Laurence Martin, Pastor, invited the Society's Extension Committee of the Particular Council of Detroit to come to Holy Cross Rectory and explain the structure, the rule, method of financing and the works of the Society to an assembly of six men from the parish. That evening, the following officers were appointed: Jacob G. Miller, President; Anthony Ott, Vice-President; Frank J. Egan, Treasurer; and Henry G. Sommer, Secretary. (See pictures on opposite page. Jacob Miller is still an active member).

Gifts that speak for themselves.

The infant Society being composed of only four men vouched to promptly learn the rule of the Society and strictly adhere to it. Father Martin early in December of 1938 had instructed Jacob Miller to construct some poor boxes to be placed at the doors of the church. These poor boxes were installed the day before Christmas; contributions on that day totalled \$2.46. Subsequent appeals from the pulpit resulted in gradual financial support and donations of clothing household items and tons of coal.

A resume of activities of Holy Cross Conference over the span of thirty-five years (1938-1973) reveals that 1,664 families and individuals involving 7,120 children were recipients of material aid and spiritual counsel. This entailed an expenditure of \$121,383.00 (\$3,480.00 annually) in relieving their needs; 8,784 visits to homes of families (251 visits annually); in 134 cases gainful and permanent employment was provided.

Some of these visits consisted of a variety of spiritual work, which resulted in 105 children enrolling in parochial school; 110 persons returning to the regular practice of their Faith; 98 baptisms; 52 converts and 38 rectifications of marriage.

Over these 35 years, 62 men from Holy Cross Parish have served as active Vincentians; of these, eleven have passed away, others have moved into other areas. Currently, eighteen Vincentians are serving through the local Conference, including Jacob Miller who has served since 1938. Holy Cross Vincentians have held 1,820 consecutive meetings without interruption. Since Vincentians visit those in need on a weekly basis, it is necessary that a weekly meeting be held after visits to discuss the needs and problems of those visited and arrive at possible solutions to problems. Usually immediate assistance is granted on the initial visit.

The generous support by the people of Holy Cross Parish toward the work of the local Vincentians in assisting the unfortunate has continued since its beginning for which the Society is most grateful. In conclusion, the members of the Holy Cross Conference are most grateful for the opportunity to be an instrument in assisting the former and present priests of Holy Cross Parish in relieving the needy and suffering of Holy Cross.

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The above article was written by Jacob Miller, who not only has served the Parish through the St. Vincent de Paul Society for thirty-five years, but has served in many other ways from the beginning of the Parish. Jacob and Alice Miller moved to Drexel Road from rural Lansing so that they would be members of St. Mary Parish and in future years, be able to send their children to a Catholic school. They had no more than moved when Holy Cross was established and they have attended ever since. Their five children attended Holy Cross School; Ellen, the youngest becoming a teacher at Holy Cross.

Jacob is one of the two men selected from Holy Cross Parish to be granted permission to distribute Holy Communion to the sick of the Parish.

Looking back over the years, Jake would undoubtedly remember when the St. Vincent de Paul Society had what was known as "Bundle Day." Their truck would be parked in some conspicuous spot on the church grounds and persons wishing to donate items would place them on the St. Vincent truck!



of such is the kingdom of God



OUR

Interior of church from 1950 to 1963

PARISH



Interior of church from 1963 to 1972





Aerial View of Parish Plant 1956

One of Fr. Mark's first projects was to increase the parish income. A tithing program was introduced to the parish and was accepted in the spirit of great sacrifice. Not only was the weekly income doubled but a good portion of the existing debt was paid. This tithing program was widely publicized, much discussed and joked about in a good natured manner. Out of it came such famous songs as "Bringing in the Tithes" and "Ode to Father Mark" the latter of which was sung various times to Fr. Mark at public gatherings by the choir.

During the summer of 1961, the renovation of the church was completed. The sanctuary was pannelled and carpeted. New statues and altars replaced the old. The nave of the church was partially pannelled, the upper portion plastered and painted. The pews were refinished as can be attested to by many aching backs! The good men of the parish gave their time for as many evenings as it took. The pews were carried to the school gym, sanded down, and refinished then transported back to the church. Eight lighting units were added to the sanctuary and new lighting fixtures replaced the old in the body of the church. Clear glass in many sections of the church were replaced by stained glass.

Another project of Fr. Mark's which led to the writing of his "Ode" was the building of the Friary-Administration building (known around the parish as "Mark's Mansion" and "The Holy Cross Hilton") completed in the summer of 1963. This was a major undertaking as it entailed the moving of houses as well as the buying and selling of property. It may be possible that this was the final building project of our parish. This same year, Holy Cross School "lost" its playground, as the entire area was blacktopped and used for parking.

**ONE PICTURE IS
WORTH 10,000 WORDS**

Chinese Proverb

A Special Prayer

After the Provincial Chapter of the Franciscan Order was held in August of 1966, Fr. Angelus LaFleur became the eighth pastor of Holy Cross Parish. It was during Fr. Angelus' term that liturgical changes continued to be made in the Church - thus at Holy Cross.

On December 14, 1966, a Parish Assembly was held at Holy Cross, the culmination of a series of discussions on Vatican II by various parish groups. A concelebrated Mass was offered in the church followed by a dinner in the church auditorium for the 200 members.

On January 18, 1967, an Interfaith Meeting was held at Holy Cross involving the clergy, choirs and parishioners of Holy Cross and Westminster Presbyterian Church. Since these two Christian groups shared the same neighborhood, at this service they shared music, homilies and a social hour following the church service.



Clergy of Holy Cross and Westminster Presbyterian Churches-Interfaith Service



Interfaith Service held January 18, 1967





From 1924 to the present time, there was an evolution in the music at Holy Cross Church.

In the beginning, there was a choir of mixed voices, men and women. Also during the 1930's, there was a choir composed of 7th and 8th grade girls who sang hymns at the 8 o'clock Mass on Sundays. The adult choir sang the High Mass.

In the 1960's, the choir became an all-male choir. Then, following the implementation of Vatican 11, the choir was disbanded and congregational singing took its place.

Under the direction of Fr. Angelus, hymn books were purchased and placed in all the pews. The parish was taught many hymns from the new books by Fr. Angelus who took the time (about ten minutes before Mass each Sunday) to introduce this music to the people.

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During Fr. Angelus' term of office, a Parish Finance Committee was formed consisting of fourteen laymen who assisted the pastor in the formation of financial decisions. This Committee worked in conjunction with the Parish Board of Education. Great financial stress was brought upon the parish due to more and more families moving out, thus decreasing the income. Also, greater demands by the Diocese and the Area Catholic High Schools caused Holy Cross to begin to operate on an annual deficit. Consequently, two of the grade school classrooms were closed for the 1968-69 school year.



In 1969, Fr. Angelus was transferred to Angola, Indiana. On June 17th of that year, Fr. Kenneth Waller assumed the office of Administrator of Holy Cross Parish. This was a temporary arrangement until the Franciscan Provincial Chapter could be held at a later date and Father Kenneth installed as pastor.

Picture at left is of the adult, all-male choir.



During Father Kenneth's administration, another renovation of the church took place. The Altar of Sacrifice was brought forward into the nave of the church; the first ten rows of pews were turned to face the altar in its new location, the balance of the pews remaining where they were. Carpeting was installed throughout the sanctuary, around the Altar of Sacrifice, down each aisle and at all entrances of the building. A grille work was built in the sanctuary from floor to ceiling and backed with amber plastic. Curtains were made to place behind the crucifix in various colors which correspond with the liturgical color of the season. New pulpits were constructed as well as a new Altar of Repose. A new sound system was installed.

New hymn books were purchased which are a combination missalette and hymn book. A special section of the books contains all of the prayers which are used by the congregation during the liturgy.

Various other items were obtained to complete the renovation. Everything purchased for the renovation of the church was donated by parishioners.

Below is pictured the interior of Holy Cross Church in this year of our Fiftieth Anniversary.



SONS OF HOLY CROSS WHO BECAME DIOCESAN PRIESTS



Rev. Donn Taylor - Ordained June 6, 1953



Rev. Justin Hermes - Ordained June 11, 1933 - Died December 7, 1973



The *Pastors*



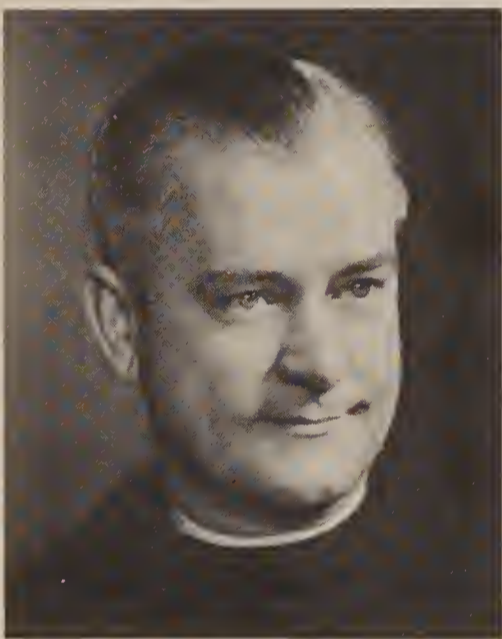
Fr. James
1924-1930



Fr. Laurence
1930-1939



Fr. Justin
1939-1945



Fr. Pascal
1945-1951



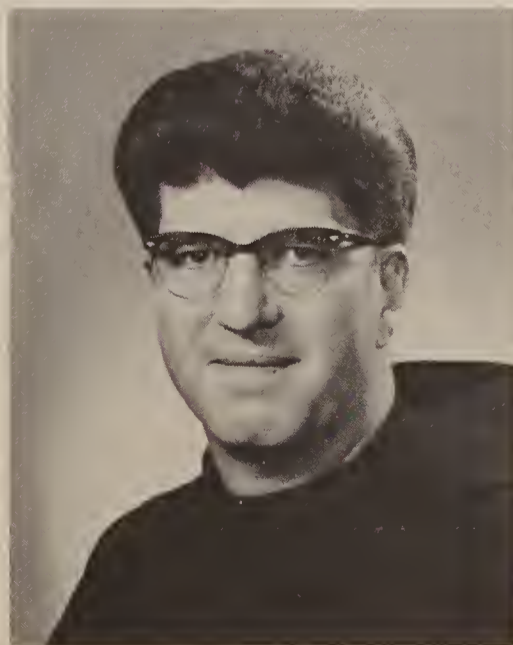
Fr. Ambrose
1951-1957



Fr. Ignatius
1957-1960



Fr. Mark
1960-1966



Fr. Angelus
1966-1969



Fr. Kenneth
1969-

PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED HOLY CROSS PARISH



Fr. Leonard Wren

Fr. Claude Mussel

Fr. Anacleto Paterson

Fr. Hugh Rochkes

Fr. Matthew Ramstein

Fr. Oderic Auer

Fr. Louis Wren

Fr. Dominic Marty

Fr. Charles Zengel

Fr. Walter Steiner

Fr. Anselm Myers

Fr. Daniel Emerine

Fr. Aloysius Jacoby

Fr. Timothy Byrnes

Fr. Elmer Mulcahy

Fr. Victor Waller

Fr. Francis Xavier Knopp

Fr. Adrian Peck

Fr. Luke MacMillian

Fr. David Hutt

Fr. Dennis Herbst

Fr. Wilfrid Logsdon

Fr. Eugene Henley

Fr. Edmund Goldbach

Fr. Campion Prendergast

Fr. Duane Doherty

Fr. Simon Sauer

Fr. Earl Zajdel

Fr. Alphonse Boardway

Fr. Benjamin Knopp

Fr. Mario Ross

Fr. DePaul Bosse

Fr. Keith O'Neill

BROTHERS

Bro. Jude McCall

Bro. Damian Stipp

Bro. Stephen Pipher

SONS OF HOLY CROSS PARISH WHO BECAME CONVENTUAL FRANCISCANS



Fr. Norbert Risley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Risley
Ordained June 10, 1933



Fr. Bonaventure Crowley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Crowley
Ordained May 31, 1947

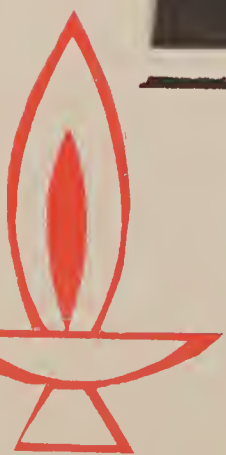




Fr. Germain Belen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Belen
Ordained June 3, 1950



Fr. Phillip Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schneider
Ordained February 19, 1961





Fr. Peter Nickels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nickels
Ordained July 10, 1960



Fr. Maximilian Korecki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Korecki
Ordained March 3, 1962





Fr. Brian Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Marvin Taylor
Ordained December 19, 1964



REV. BRIAN TAYLOR

Holy Cross To Honor Rev. Taylor

The Rev. Brian Taylor, OFM Conv., of Toledo, Ohio, and formerly of Lansing, who is leaving in late July for missionary work in Japan, will be honored at a departure ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Following two years at the language school in Tokyo, Fr. Brian will work in the Amami-o-Shima group of the Ryukyu Islands, about 250 miles south of Kyushu, the southernmost of the large islands that comprise Japan.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor, 1428 Comfort Ave., and a former member of Holy Cross parish, Dr. Brian was graduated from Mt. St. Francis High School, Mt. St. Francis, Ind. He studied four years at Our Lady of Carey Seminary, Carey, Ohio, and received his AB degree in philosophy in June, 1961, from the University of Dayton with which the seminary is affiliated.

Ordained to the Catholic priesthood in Rome on Dec. 19, 1964, Fr. Brian received his theological degree in June, 1965, from the International College of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual, Rome. He celebrated his first Mass Aug. 1, 1965, at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

For the past two years, Fr. Brian has been affiliated with the Religion Department at Catholic Central High School in Toledo.

The Rev. Norbert Risley, OFM Conv., missionary from Africa, is acting as a delegate of the Provincial, at the ceremony to which friends are invited to attend. A reception in the Holy Cross auditorium will follow.



Fr. Brian receiving Mission Cross



Fr. Frederick Pasche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Pasche
Ordained February 22, 1964



Fr. Kent Biergans, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Biergans
Ordained February 18, 1967

Friday, June 12, 1964



REV. IGNATIUS HANLEY

50-Year Celebration Planned

The Rev. Ignatius Hanley, OFM Conv., will celebrate his golden jubilee as a priest at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. Saturday at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church 1611 W. Oakland.

Pastor of Holy Cross Church from 1957 to 1960, Father Ignatius is now retired and resides at the Holy Cross Friary.



JUBILARIANS

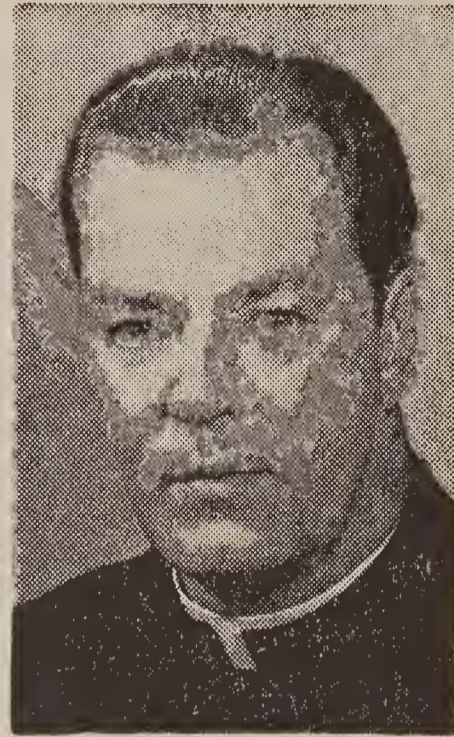
Fr. Ignatius Hanley
1921 - 1971

Fr. Mark Mindrup
1939 - 1964

Fr. Norbert Risley
1933 - 1958

Fr. Kenneth Waller
1949 - 1974

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Fr. Mark Mindrup,
O.F.M. Conv.

Fr. Mindrup Plans Jubilee Mass June 14

LANSING — Fr. Mark Mindrup, O.F.M. Conv., pastor of Holy Cross Parish here, will celebrate a Mass on Sunday, June 14 at 12:30 p.m. to commemorate the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Also planned is a reception for the jubilarian in the Holy Cross basement auditorium from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. for Holy Cross parishioners and Fr. Mindrup's friends.

FR. MINDRUP is also planning to celebrate a Mass in his home-town parish on Sunday, June 21 at 11 a.m. He will say the Mass at St. Benedict's at Terre Haute.



Fr. Kenneth Waller

Fr. Norbert Risley



**THEY
TEACH
OUR
CHILDREN**

PRINCIPALS OF HOLY CROSS SCHOOL



*Sister Mary Bonaventure Doyle
1930-1933*

One of Sister Bonaventure's students, William Crowley, who graduated from Holy Cross in 1934, entered the Franciscan Order and took the name of "Father Bonaventure" in honor of his favorite teacher and Holy Cross' First Principal.

First Principal of Holy Cross School

*Sister Mary Ellen Bleicher
1933-1936*

Second Principal of Holy Cross School

Sister Mary Ellen taught 5th and 6th grades, then succeeded Sr. Bonaventure as Principal.



Pictures and record of tenure of office for some of the Principals was not readily available. Listed below are the names of those from whom this information was not obtained:

Sister Mary Basil Mageau

Sister Mary Paschal Kelley

Sister Mary Edward Durocher

Sister Mary Justina Pessa

Sister Mary Rose Ann Coleman (Colunba)

**TO CARE
IS
TO SHARE . . .**



LEFT:

*Sister Mary Adrian Adrian
1957-1961*

When asked to
submit something
for the Golden
Anniversary Book,
each Sister wrote
basically the
same thing:

"I
LOVED
EVERY
MINUTE
SPENT
AT
HOLY
CROSS"



Sister Mary Dionysia Koonsman
1946-1949



Sister Mary Celeste Schneider





Sister Mary Agnes Christie (Carina)
1961-1964



Sister Nancy Thompson (Ruthanne)
1964-1967



Sister Theresa Blaquiere (Neri)
1968-1971



Sister Rita Eppler
1971-



Sister Mary Ruthanne and
Mrs. Lorraine Olger, School
Secretary in the Principal's
Office

LOVE
is knowing
someone cares

S I S T E R S'

C O N V E N T S



1415 W. Saginaw Street
1930-1948



715 N. Jenison Avenue
1948-1957



727 N. Jenison Avenue

SPECIAL SCHOOL PROJECT

One of the most outstanding projects ever undertaken by Holy Cross School students was the "Space Flight" engineered by the Seventh and Eighth Grade Science Class of 1969. Guidance and supervision was given by their teacher, Miss Lois Reis. The following articles appeared in the Lansing State Journal. The "Flight" corresponded with the 1969 Moon Shot.



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LANSING—EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1969

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FLIGHT PREPARATION — Seventh and eighth graders at Holy Cross School sent their own astronauts into a simulated space flight this morning, with a blast-off at 10:30. Astronauts (from left) Willix Merritt III, Steven Stornant and William McManus chartered their course before they stepped

into the space capsule, where they'll be in earth orbit until "splashdown" Friday morning. All 135 seventh and eighth graders participated in preparations for the flight. See page C-1 for an account of their project. (State Journal Photo by Paul Remy)



State Journal Photo by Bruce Cornelius

Holy Cross "Astronauts" Emerge From Spaceship After Splashdown

'Astronauts' Return Holy Cross Spaceship, Crew 'A-OK'

By SHEILA MIDDAGH
State Journal Staff Writer

The Holy Cross Crusader I spaceship splashed down safely into Lake Michigan Friday morning shortly before 11 a.m. and the entire student body was on hand to welcome back its three "astronauts."

They didn't really land in the lake, as the Crusader I was hoisted by a crane and lowered into the water.

Three Students In Earth 'Orbit'

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Mental and emotional tests for several months. Dr. Eugene Nakfor is the crew's doctor and he has made sure the boys are in comparative physical condition with the professional astronauts.

GIVEN TESTS

A series of mental examinations were administered at Michigan State University. Tests have been taken at the school.

They have spent weekends together in a small room, recording their thoughts, and testing themselves for the close quarters of the flight. They are not actually locked inside the capsule but it is as if they were. There is no verbal or visual communication with anyone outside the capsule save by mission control microphones.

A debriefing test will be given following the space flight to determine what effects, if any, it has had on the boys' physical, mental or emotional conditions.

No communications systems are being used in the Crusader I. The first operates simply as a telephone hook-up between the astronauts and mission control. Most of the communication will be by mission control, but the astronauts initiate conversation with the outside by a button which buzzes into the table.

Port or other communication to mission control is ordered and a complete report and tests is given.

Second communication connected to the public address system of the school. Astronauts can hear the school. Occasional will be made in the school.

If the astronauts in Army surplus uniforms are seen in the school.

Specific times have been set aside for carrying out tests, from mission control and sleeping and recreation. Recreation has not been systematized. The boys were free to bring with them "anything that fits in a shoe box," except a radio.

They have privacy whenever they are not in official communication with mission control. When making reports, however, they must use professional, precise language.

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achute rose to the gym ceiling and brought a burst of applause from the students.

Mission Control reported that the Crusader I made a safe landing about 300 yards from target and that the U.S.S. Holy Cross was way to recover the men and the capsule. A few moments the hatch was opened and the boys emerged. They were greeted with cheers, handshakes and hugs by the students and the only "astronaut" return: "A nice trip."

Before they were given a medical and reported to the exam room by Dr. Eugene Nakfor.

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'Hello Houston, We ... Are Returning'

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI)—Apollo 10 shot out of moon orbit today and headed for earth to wind up a highly successful mission which cleared the way for an American manned landing on the moon.

Only the crucial re-entry into the atmosphere and splashdown Monday stood between astronauts Thomas P. Stafford, Eugene A. Cernan and John W. Young and an almost flawless 8-day mission.

"Hello Houston, Apollo 10 here. We are returning to earth," Stafford the commander of the second U.S. manned lunar orbiting flight, radioed a few minutes after he

main engine for 2 minutes, 41 seconds to get out of lunar orbit.

Immediately after calmly telling ground controllers they were on their way home they turned on the small color television camera.

Details of the lunar landscape were clearly visible, including "a big new crater" which the astronauts zoomed in on with their lens much as commercial television cameras do when isolating one segment of a touchdown play in football.

Home viewers watched while the moon receded. "I can finally see the whole

moon right in the hatch window," Stafford said. "You can't believe this rate of climb. It looks like we're going out just vertical. It would scare the heck out of you to come in at this angle. Maybe it's just as good we came in the dark."

With the moon already 1,600 miles away, Stafford compared the spacecraft's path to "a vertical climb going straight up from the center. You'd better believe we're climbing out," he said.

"Joe, this is incredible. The thing is getting rounder and smaller all the time," he said.

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told ground communicator Joe Engle.

"The real show is on the inside. It's just like three monkeys in a spring box," Cernan said as the crew bounced from window to window.

SEE 'SNOOPY'

A sweep across the sky of the moon early in the Apollo 10 mission had a "television picture" of the moon's surface. The astronauts had a "range of" "age of" "ring

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over the moon Thursday, and when it swung close to the main spacecraft it plainly concerned Stafford.

"He's getting awful close," he radioed, and added that although he knew a collision was highly improbable—"It'd sure run your whole day if it happened."

Ground controllers said the lunar vehicle was as close to the astronauts as it would get and that it would soon move hundreds of miles away.

Apollo 10 is due to land in the Pacific Ocean at 11:53 a.m. EST Monday some 400 miles east of the South Pacific Island of Tutuila.



PROFESSIONAL PORTRAIT — Crusader I astronauts in space outside the capsule for a "professional" portrait. Junior high school unit's space science project. (UPI)

Holy Cross Capsule 'in Orbit'

Three Student Astronauts Get Lots of Assistance

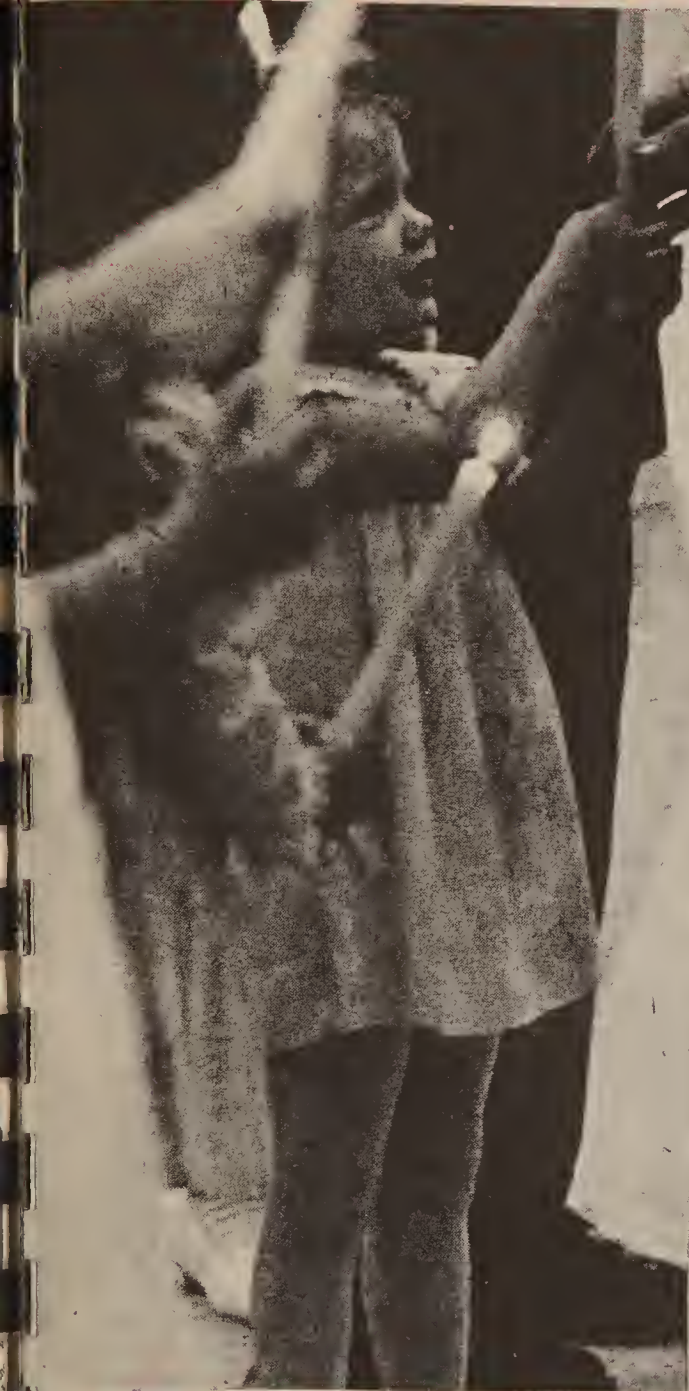
By SHEILA MIDDAGH
State Journal Staff Writer

All systems were "go" at 7:30 o'clock for this morning's splashdown for the Crusader I. The three "astronauts" are now in earth orbit at an average distance of 170 miles. Crusader I is claimed to be the most advanced school space project in the country. It was designed, built and tested and is now being operated by the junior high school unit of Holy Cross School, and eighth grade students of Holy Cross School. The project is a part of the school's science curriculum, directed by Miss Lois Reis, junior high school unit science teacher. Sister Mary Ann Johnson, high school unit science teacher, is assisting Miss Reis with the project.

Throughout the school year, the science classes have studied space travel and related subjects along with other aspects of science. In September they came across the account of one of the 1950s space travel in a science magazine and some of the students expressed an interest in such a project. They decided to attempt it. The project could be done by the students, and the school would have a significant contribution to the Apollo 10 mission. The decision was made to attempt the space project. The project was set up, and the students were given the go-ahead.

On the day of the project, the students were given a briefing by mission control. They were told that they were going to be in orbit for three days and nights, or about 71 hours. They were to make 40 orbits each being made in 1 hour, 26 minutes and 23 seconds. Each orbit covers 25,373 miles. These specific data have been worked out by the students. The Apollo 10 mission was a significant event in the history of space exploration. The students were given a briefing by mission control. They were told that they were going to be in orbit for three days and nights, or about 71 hours. They were to make 40 orbits each being made in 1 hour, 26 minutes and 23 seconds. Each orbit covers 25,373 miles. These specific data have been worked out by the students. The Apollo 10 mission was a significant event in the history of space exploration. The students were given a briefing by mission control. They were told that they were going to be in orbit for three days and nights, or about 71 hours. They were to make 40 orbits each being made in 1 hour, 26 minutes and 23 seconds. Each orbit covers 25,373 miles. These specific data have been worked out by the students. The Apollo 10 mission was a significant event in the history of space exploration.

EUCCHARIST



Holy Cross Parishioners Welcome Myers Family

By Mary Schneider

LANSING--In procession down the aisle of Holy Cross Church on Sunday, July 12, marched William and Mary Myers of 736 Princeton Avenue, Lansing, accompanied by their six children and friends, neighbors and co-workers.

They were met mid-aisle by Fr. Earl Zajdel, O.F.M. Conv. with this greeting: "With great joy we welcome you and your sponsors to the family of Holy Cross parish. May the Spirit descend on us all to enkindle our faith."

Thus began Baptism at Mass in a liturgy planned by Father Earl for Mr. and Mrs. Myers, and Jamie, age 10, Rachel 9, William Jr. 8, Kathleen 6, Kim 3, and Karin 2.

The scripture readings were especially chosen to highlight the ceremony. The homily explained the use of symbols in the mystery of the sacraments, and stressed the power of example by Christians on those with whom they come in contact.

FATHER EARL invited the family and sponsors to come forth to the Baptismal font in the front of the church, where the ceremony was performed. William, the father, and the six children had never been received into any religious faith and were bap-

tised for the first time.

Mary, the mother, received baptism conditionally. They were then anointed with chrism and given lighted candles as a symbol of having received the light of Christ.

The parents and Jamie and Rachel took a second step in the following of the Lord by receiving their First Holy Communion during Mass, standing before a handmade banner proclaiming "One Life -- One Faith -- One Baptism." The banner had been made by Jamie and Rachel, with the help of Sister Neri during their instruction classes, and was a surprise for the family.

They were followed to the altar by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lenneman of Westphalia, who was sponsor for Mr. Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kremer sponsor for Mrs. Myers; Mrs. and Mrs. Anton A. Pollo for Jamie; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weir for Rachel, Raymond J. Kremer for William, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. Raleigh for Kathleen; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bolan of Grand Ledge for Kim; and Roseann Kremer for Karin.

The final blessing at the end of Mass was "May almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, generously bless all of us who are his faithful children. May we always live as his people, and may he

bless all here present with his peace. Amen."

Thus the congregation was part of the entire ceremony.

THE MYERS family and sponsors were greeted by parishioners on the steps of the church following Mass. There was a hum of joy extending out from their circle, and smiles of happiness were recorded by photographers.

Mrs. Myers said that they had not been attending any church and felt something was lacking in their lives. They were invited to the wedding of one of the sponsors, the Ral- eighs, on St. Valentine's Day this year. They were so impressed by the ceremony and the friendliness of Father Earl, that within two weeks they called him and began instructions.

She said that over the years they had also been impressed by their Catholic neighbors who belong to the congregation of Holy Cross, and other Catholic friends.

They feel that the Catholic religion shows a search for truth and openness, and that the priests of Holy Cross respond with simplicity and sincerity to serious questions.

It was truly a day of love and joy, climaxed by a reception in the Myers' home.

PENANCE



BAPTISM

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Holy Cross Bridges Entertainment Gap

Young Entertain Adult Club



Elders, Youngsters Sing Along

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bauer (standing) of the Holy Cross Charter Club enjoy mixing with Holy Cross children during talent show youngsters staged for club members

Wednesday. Bauer is club president. Accompanist for the informal sing is Mrs. Early Murphy. (State Journal Photo)

"They're singing our song." "It makes me remember way-back-when," were comments made by members of Holy Cross Charter Club Wednesday as they were entertained by some of second through sixth grade children from Holy Cross School.

The children, under the direction of Sister Karen Werra, assembled a talent show of songs and dances of the 20s, 30s and 40s with a modern song or two put in for good measure. Among the old favorites which brought forth smiles were "Daisy Bell",

"Side by Side," "Tip Toe Through the Tulips", and "Five Foot Two".

MAYOR AND Mrs. Gerald Graves were the guests of honor at Wednesday's meeting. The mayor spoke to the senior citizens thanking them for their support and contributions to the City of Lansing and Holy Cross Parish.

The Charter Club gathers monthly to enjoy a meal and the chance to be together. The meeting ends with a prayer service conducted by Fr. DePaul Bosse, the club's spiritual director.



In March of 1972, the Senior Citizens held their first meeting in Holy Cross Auditorium. An organization was formed and called the "Holy Cross Charter Club" by its members. Sole purpose of the Club is entertainment of older and retired members of the parish. The Club began with 130 active members. First Officers: Leo Bauer, President, Margaret Hermes, Vice-President, Grace Blakeborough, Treasurer and Margaret Kelly, Secretary.





Sunday, July 8, 1973



Bingo's Back Blinking in The Spotlight

By JOHN TEARE
Staff Writer

Bingo is back.

After years of flourishing in its own happy underground, the old folks' game of chance has been ushered, blinking, back into the bright light of legitimacy in Michigan.

NOW FREED of basement hiding in countless churches and clubs, it is the state's latest officially sanctioned game of chance, although left largely on its own.

There has been no smoothing the way with extravagant flourishes like those accorded the state's new revenue darling, the lottery.

The reason in part follows the golden goose principle: sale of 146.6 million lottery tickets through May has brought the state a net return of \$32.99 million after paying out \$35.87 million in prize money. Bingo, even by highest estimates (some \$3 million, by one account) of its most devoted promoters, is not about to approach that level.

STATE LOTTERY operators don't want it to and aren't about to help. "As far as the state is concerned, our interest is just to police the thing properly," says Charles R. Dean, a Pontiac salesman recently appointed by Lottery Commissioner Gus Harrison to oversee bingo.

But even with a confusing bundle of new rules just off the press, there are signs Aunt Georgia's favorite kind of action is doing very nicely, thank you, on its own.



According to Dennis Silber, president of a Detroit firm called Bingo Enterprises of America, his three consultants are kept busy "all the time" meeting requests at the rate of "50 to 75 a day" for advice on how to run bingo.

FIVE LANSING groups are in on the first wave of newly minted bingo licenses from the Michigan Lottery Bureau. They are: Elks Lodge No. 196 at 3535 Moores River Dr.; VFW Post 701 at 123 N. Rosemary St.; Ingham-Eaton Catholic Office of Education, Eagle Hall, 4700 N. Grand River, and Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1515 W. Oakland.

Lansing Jaycees have a special license to put on bingo at the Ingham County Fair in Mason starting July 30. They hope to raise at least \$3,000 to \$4,000 to donate to Glass House, an area halfway house for women alcoholics, according to Gary Calkins, Jaycee vice president.

At Holy Cross, school janitor Mel Dravenstatt is itching to get back, maybe by Thursday night, to spinning the old "squirrel cage" tumbler he used in calling the church's regular games over a 20-year span.

AFTER BINGO was outlawed "back in the 50s," Holy Cross "tried running a game occasionally but we had so many complaints we gave it up," Dravenstatt said earlier this week. He and Ruth Schrow, another official of the church's bingo committee, say they hope to raise \$500 a week from a Thursday night card of 15 regular games for \$1.50 and four rather complex "specials" for \$1.

A variety of prizes will range from \$5 to \$20 for each game with a \$250 jackpot growing by weekly \$25 increments if unclaimed.

At the Morley Oates VFW Post, Ray Sebrell said bingo for 200 is being planned for Friday nights at three cards for a dollar.

ELKS LODGE No. 196 Secretary Walter Grabow said, "We've been throwing things around, but we've got to find out the regulations first. We've never attempted to do anything that was not in accord with the law."

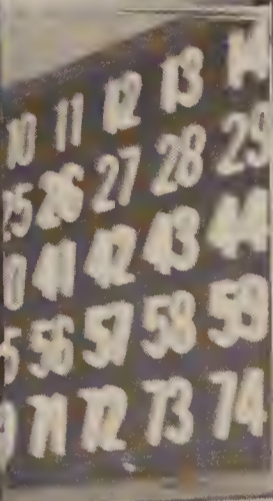
The Ingham-Eaton Catholic Education Office game is being planned for Monday nights, but apparently it's nothing new. Even in the days of backroom bingo, the group made as much as \$1,500 a week or more, sources said.

The one place bingo will not pop up, of course, is at the state fair in Detroit. Gov. Milliken earlier this week vetoed a bill to allow it there.

SPONSORED BY Rep. Ray Hood, D-Detroit, who has the fairgrounds in his district, state fair bingo sailed through the House by a 90-0 margin and the Senate by 30-6. Lawmakers liked the prospect of as much as \$150,000 in rent that a bingo concession could contribute toward the fair's \$500,000 deficit.

Milliken disagreed, noting, "I have consistently said that I oppose wholesale extension of gambling in Michigan and that there will be times when the line must be drawn. This is such a time," he said in his veto message.

The proper business of the state's fair, Milliken said, is "promoting agriculture, not carnivals."



Old-style fun

DOUBLE WEDDING AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH, AUGUST 25, 1935



Peter LaForgia and Frances DiVietri



Joseph LaForgia and Mary L. DiVietri

PARISH "FIRSTS"

FIRST BAPTISM: Agnes Helen Egan
Daughter of Francis J. Egan and Margaret L. Mooney
Born: September 13, 1924
Baptized: September 21, 1924
By: Fr. James Hermes, O.M.C.



Miss Agnes Egan, a life-long member of Holy Cross Parish, attended Holy Cross School from 1930 to 1938 and graduated with the first class whose members attended all eight grades. Agnes was blessed with a beautiful singing voice and was called upon to sing at many of the school and parish functions. Agnes was also a member of the parish choir when a mixed voice choir was used.

FIRST WEDDING: John Beachnau, Grand Ledge
Ione Joslyn, Ionia
November 27, 1924
By: Fr. Leonard Wren, O.M.C.

FIRST DOUBLE WEDDING: Two brothers married two sisters
Peter LaForgia and Frances DiVietri
Joseph LaForgia and Mary Louise DiVietri
August 25, 1935
By: Fr. Laurence Martin, O.M.C.

FIRST FUNERAL: Margaret Breunan
October 24, 1924
By: Fr. James Hermes, O.M.C.





EJOICE

FIFTY YEARS OF SACRAMENTS

The Sacrament of Baptism has been conferred 5,744 times. On July 28, 1966, the Sacrament of Baptism was conferred for the 5,000th time at Holy Cross Church. Fr. Eugene Henley, O.F.M.Conv., baptized Gary William McNamara, a convert.

On May 23, 1926, Holy Communion was received for the first time by 28 children of Holy Cross. This Sacrament was distributed by Fr. James Hermes, O.M.C., Pastor at that time. Over fifty years, 3,700 children have received their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross.

The Sacrament of Confirmation has been conferred upon 4,396 persons in fifty years. The first class was held on September 13, 1925; 58 children were confirmed by the Most Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of Detroit.

The Sacrament of Matrimony has been received by 2,652 persons over the past fifty years. On the occasion of the 1,000th wedding at Holy Cross, April 16, 1966, Fr. Mark Mindrup, O.F.M.Conv., Pastor at that time, presented the couple with a wedding cross to commemorate the occasion. The marriage was between Michael Mills and Kathleen Spedoske and the ceremony was performed by Fr. David Hutt, O.F.M.Conv.



1000th Wedding at Holy Cross
Michael Mills - Kathleen Spedoske

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Holy Cross Parish has lost 841 parishioners in death over fifty years.

EACH INDIVIDUAL
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NOW

"PAROCHIAL PUPS"

Four-legged parishioners have always been a part of the life of Holy Cross. Pioneers of the parish will recall Fr. Martin's dog, "Pat", an airedale who followed Father wherever he went, including to church. Pat could "pray" and was happy to demonstrate this talent upon request.

Another parish dog was "Shakes" (or Shakey") owned by Father Ambrose. He could be heard pattering down the church aisle behind that BIG, BLACK HABIT! Shakey liked to help Fr. Ambrose close up the church!



Slightly larger mascots came to Holy Cross with Father Mark. "Duke", an Irish setter, and "Queenie", an English setter, were built a "pad" of their own - outside the kitchen of the new Friary. Duke especially became a great friend of the school children. Father Mark would let the dogs run around the grounds during the noon hour. It was a very sad day when they moved away.

"Ciao" was introduced to the parish as a baby Basset. She was given to Fr. Mario as a farewell gift - thus, Holy Cross knew her only as a puppy. The members of Club Crozier became very fond of her during the short time that she lived in the parish. "Ciao" subsequently became a member of the Franciscan Novitiate!



Most recent canine parishioner was "Fifi." As her name indicates, she is a poodle. Fr. DePaul was her master before she moved to Louisville, Kentucky.



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Belen

Mrs. Catherine Carrico, Secretary, Mt. St. Francis

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Creighton

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dravenstatt

Miss Dorothy Drolett (Mrs. Doyle)

Mr. Fred Dunnebacke

Miss Agnes Egan

Mrs. Irene Feneis

Mrs. William Fineis

Mrs. J. N. Gallagher

Miss Margaret Hermes

Mrs. Lorraine Hoadley

Lansing Chancery Office

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lehman

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nickels

Mrs. Lorraine Olger

Mrs. Anthony Schneider

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schneider

Mrs. Leo Sisco

Sisters of Mercy

Mr. Wilbur Sohn

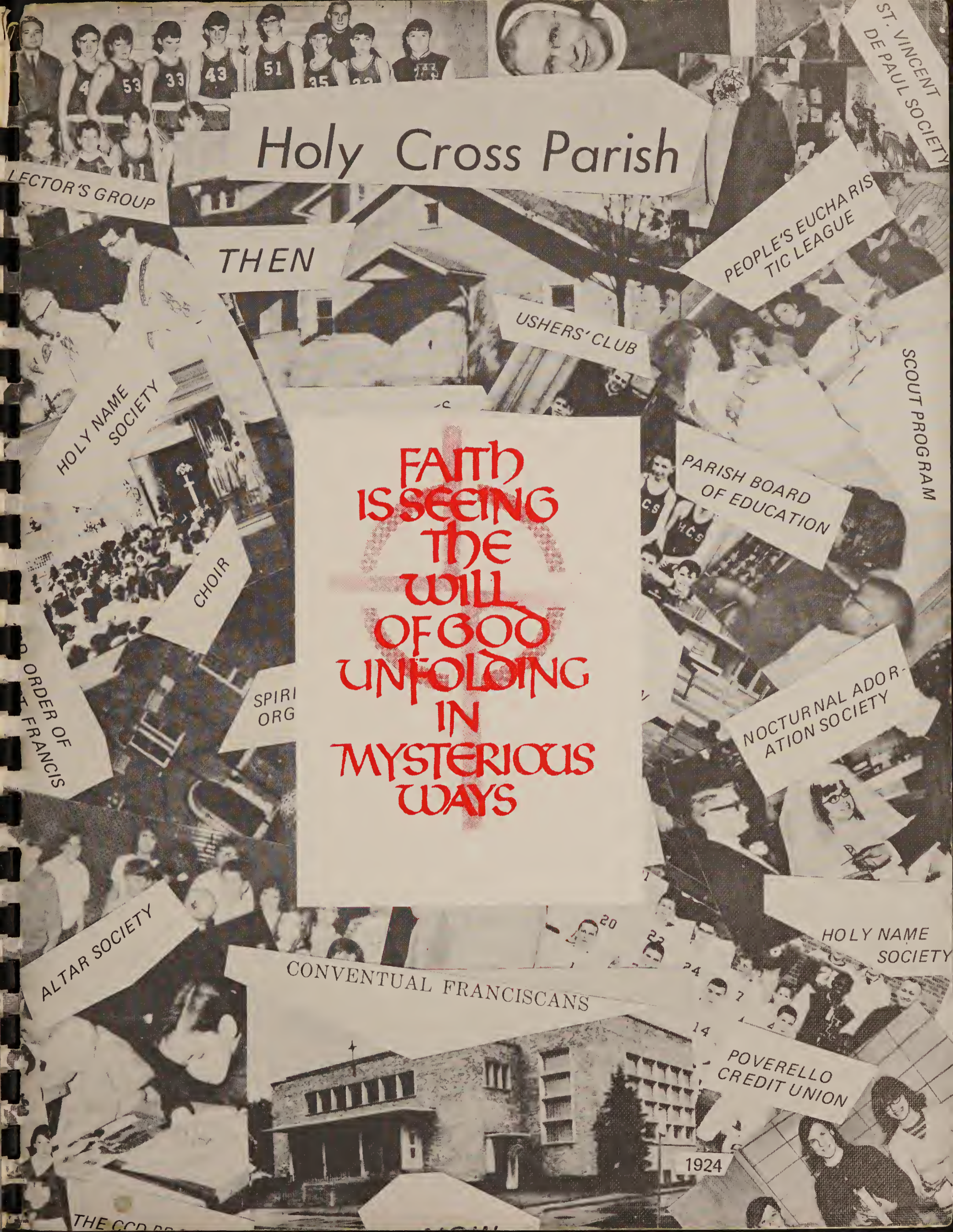
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